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Gates Seeks \$190B for Wars

Request is more than \$42B higher than earlier estimates

WASHINGTON | Defense Secretary Robert Gates asked Congress Wednesday to approve nearly \$190 billion for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan in 2008, increasing initial projections by more than a third.

The spending request guaranteed another showdown between the Bush administration and congressional Democrats, including Sen. Robert Byrd, who declared the Appropriations Committee he chairs would not “rubber stamp” the request.

Testifying before the panel, Gates said the extra money was necessary to buy vehicles that can protect troops against roadside bombs, refurbish equipment worn down by combat and consolidate U.S. bases in Iraq. A copy of the remarks was obtained in advance by The Associated Press.

In February, President Bush requested \$141.7 billion for the wars; officials said at the time the figure was only a rough estimate and could climb. In July, the Defense Department



Gates

asked Congress for another \$5.3 billion to buy 1,500 Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles.

The \$190 billion total would cover war costs for the 2008 budget year, which begins Monday.

Congress was on track this week to pass a stopgap spending bill that would keep the war afloat for several more weeks, giving Democrats time to figure out their next step on the war. ANNE FLAHERTY (AP)

Crackdown on Myanmar Monks Turns Violent



UNREST: A monk in Yangon, Myanmar, runs from tear gas on Wednesday. Ending nine days of restraint, the country's military rulers cracked down on protesting monks Wednesday, with security forces opening fire, swinging truncheons and making scores of arrests. ❖ **Deadly:** Up to eight people left dead | Page 8

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Phlebotomy Hottest Vampire Career Track

An Indianapolis laboratory technician has been fired after the parents of a 3-year-old boy claimed she bit his shoulder while drawing blood from his arm. Faith Buntin took her son Victor to St. Vincent Hospital on Friday for a blood test because of recent recalls of toys involving lead. She said she saw the worker put her mouth on Victor's shoulder. "I looked at her like that was the craziest thing that I'd ever seen," said Buntin. "She smiled and said, 'Oh, it was just a play bite. He's not hurt.'" After they returned home, she saw teeth marks, and her husband drove the child back to the hospital, where he was prescribed antibiotics. (AP)



WASTEFUL

Elk Acts Like Us; We Fail to See Irony

In the debate over whether bottled water tastes better than tap water, Clyde the elk votes for the bottle every time. Clyde is a domesticated elk who was born and raised on a ranch and lives at the privately run Wyman Living History Museum outside Craig, Colo. It's not clear who gave him his first bottle of water, but he now spurns the ranch's well and a 6,000-gallon tank of city water. He wraps his lips around a bottle if it's proffered by a human. It might be that Clyde likes the bottle more than the water. Julie Harris, his caretaker, said she sometimes sneaks city water into his bottles to cut costs. (AP)



JUSTIN GUIDO/VALLEY NEWS DISPATCH/AP

SALE!

Death Not Included

Lovers of a good bargain could have scored a cheap coffin Tuesday in Brackenridge, Pa., where Ted Tomson was hawking several caskets in his yard. Displayed not on tasteful tables but atop cardboard boxes, the unwanted coffins were in pristine, never-used condition (thank goodness). Tomson said he and his family bought 10 coffins and burial plots, but each family member has opted for cremation instead. (AP)

NON-ISSUES

Whatever — a Little Wood Glue Will Fix It

A Hillsboro, Ohio, man was angry that he wasn't going to be sold a house. Now he's accused of using a power saw to turn the abode into a convertible. Rodney Rogers was living in the house he assumed he was going to buy from an acquaintance, Highland County Sheriff Ronald Ward said Wednesday. After the acquaintance refused to complete the sale, Rogers used a power saw to make a lateral cut through the walls and siding at about chest level all the way around the house. Only one thing was keeping the top half of the house in place. "Gravity," Ward said. (AP)



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VICIOUS SLICE: Police in Gulfport, Miss., broke up a weekend fight among a rowdy group of teenage girls at the pizza restaurant Chuck E. Cheese. The teens had been left alone at the restaurant, which is known for its singing animatronic rodents.

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In Brief

LANSING, MICH.

Judge: Warrant Is Needed To Test Pedestrians' Breath

A federal judge on Wednesday blocked a Michigan law that requires pedestrians under 21 to submit to a breath test without a search warrant. The American Civil Liberties Union, which sued on behalf of four college students, said the law is the only one of its kind in the nation. U.S. District Judge David Lawson in Detroit ruled it is unconstitutional to force non-drivers to submit to breath tests without a warrant. (AP)

SALT LAKE CITY

Man in Polygamy Sect Charged With Raping Wife

Prosecutors filed a rape charge Wednesday against the ex-husband whose marriage was at the center of polygamous-sect leader Warren Jeffs' trial. The charge against Allen Glade Steed came a day after Jeffs was convicted of rape by accomplice. Steed is accused of having sex with the girl, 14, against her will after an arranged marriage. (AP)



Steed



BY THE NUMBERS: A third of parents believe children spend too much time online, according to a survey by researchers for the non-profit Common Sense Media. (AP)

Sen. Craig Awaits Judge's Decision

Idaho lawmaker tries to withdraw guilty plea in bathroom sex sting

MINNEAPOLIS | A judge took Sen. Larry Craig's request to withdraw his guilty plea under advisement on Wednesday, and the Idaho Republican announced he will stay in office for the time being, omitting mention of an earlier commitment to resign Sept. 30.

Hennepin County Judge Charles Porter said he probably won't rule until next month on Craig's request, which stems from his earlier guilty plea in a men's room sex sting at the Minneapolis airport.

Craig didn't say just how long he planned to remain on the job.

"Today was a major step in the legal effort to clear my name," Craig said in a statement. "The court has not issued a ruling on my motion to withdraw my guilty plea. For now,



Billy Martin, right, and Tom Kelly, second from right, attorneys representing Idaho Sen. Larry Craig, take questions from reporters after a hearing on Wednesday.

I will continue my work in the U.S. Senate for Idaho."

Craig skipped the court hearing

in Minnesota, a decision that his attorney, Billy Martin, described as routine for such a session.



Craig

During the hearing, Martin acknowledged the difficulty in getting the plea withdrawn, saying it is "near impossible, and it should be."

Prosecutor Christopher Renz said the timing of Craig's decision to withdraw his guilty plea was political. Craig was arrested in a Minneapolis airport bathroom June 11, then entered his plea Aug. 8.

"He sat and was able to think about it a thousand miles away at his apartment on the Potomac. He called me about it" and could have called others if he needed advice, Renz said.

Minnesota law allows guilty pleas to be withdrawn if a "manifest injustice" is shown. The term isn't defined in law, leaving it to judges to decide. JOSHUA FREED (AP)

U.S. Renews Push for Iran Sanctions

Officials seek support for new resolution at the United Nations

NEW YORK | The Bush administration moved Wednesday to cement international support for new U.N. sanctions on Iran over its nuclear programs and rebuked Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad

PENALTY CHECK

→ Iran is already subject to two U.N. sanctions resolutions.

→ Among ideas being considered for the new resolution are widening existing financial sanctions on Iranian entities and possible diplomatic measures, officials said.

for declaring the issue "closed."

A day after a defiant Ahmadinejad told the United Nations General Assembly that his country would defy further U.N. Security Council efforts to impose additional penalties, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and her top aides sought to marshal consensus on the move.

"I am sorry to tell President Ahmadinejad that the case is not

closed," said Nicholas Burns, the State Department's No. 3 diplomat. He was to meet with senior diplomats from the five permanent Security Council members and Germany to craft elements of a new sanctions resolution.

"We're going to keep going. If Mr. Ahmadinejad thinks somehow that he has been given a pass, he is mistaken about that," Burns said.

Burns said it is unlikely that the text of a new resolution will be agreed to this week. (AP)

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RED, WHITE AND EWW: A fire hydrant painted as an American flag has been removed from a dog park in Hillsboro, Ore., after people complained it was disrespectful. The flag-painted hydrant was intended as a tribute to a police dog killed 10 years ago.

Study: Mercury Safe in Vaccines

Research fails to link thimerosal in shot with neurological problems

LOS ANGELES | A mercury-based preservative once used in many vaccines does not raise the risk of neurological problems in children, concludes a large federal study that researchers say should reassure parents about the safety of shots their kids received a decade or more ago.

However, the study did not examine autism — the developmental disorder that some critics blame on vaccines. A separate study due out in a year will look at that issue, said scientists at the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which led the latest analysis and published results in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

Researchers found no clear link between early exposure to the pre-

TEST SCORES

→ The study involved 1,047 children who were exposed to varying levels of thimerosal while in the womb or after birth in the 1990s.

→ Each child was tested for speech and language skills, motor coordination and intelligence.

→ A total of 42 neurological problems were analyzed.

servative thimerosal and problems with brain function and behavior in children ages 7 to 10.

Thimerosal has not been used in childhood vaccines since 2001, although it is still in some flu shots. The new findings apply to children immunized before then.

"It's good news for families," said Dr. Michael Goldstein, vice president of the American Academy of Neurology. **ALICIA CHANG (AP)**

CHARLESTON, W.VA. | SIGNATURE MOMENT



SALUTE IN STEEL: Steve Monroe and his wife, Trudy, sign a steel beam to be used in the construction of the National September 11 Memorial. The beam is traveling the country as part of an exhibit about the 2001 terror attacks.

Utah Clamps Down on Gun Permits

SALT LAKE CITY | Utah has stopped issuing concealed-gun permits to foreigners because of the rising number of applicants and the difficulty of conducting background

checks.

"Utah had become the state of choice for people who did not live in the United States but wanted to carry a gun in the country," said

Richard Wyss, attorney at the Utah Bureau of Criminal Investigation.

About 1,000 citizens of other countries have permits that allow them to carry a concealed gun in Utah and 30 states that have an agreement with Utah. **(AP)**

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Spector Trial Ends Without Verdict

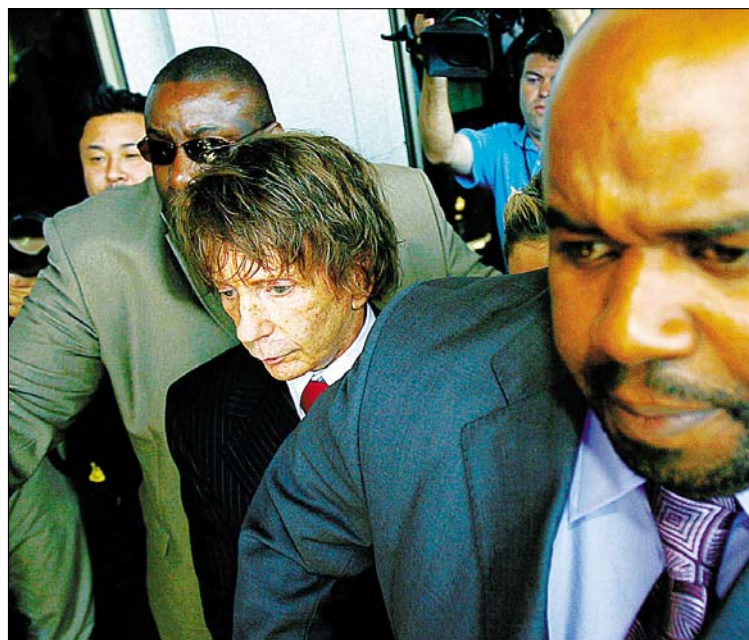
Mistrial is declared in proceedings against famed music producer

LOS ANGELES | The murder trial of music producer Phil Spector ended in a mistrial Wednesday because of a deadlocked jury.

The mistrial came on the 12th day of deliberations on whether Spector murdered actress Lana Clarkson more than 4½ years ago. The 12-member panel had heard about five months of testimony.

The jury foreman reported the panel was deadlocked 10 to 2 but did not indicate which way it was leaning. The jury reported a 7-5 impasse last week and had resumed deliberations.

"At this time, I will find that the jury is unable to arrive at a verdict



Bodyguards surround music producer Phil Spector, center, as he leaves court in Los Angeles on Wednesday. Spector's murder trial ended with a deadlocked jury.

and declare a mistrial in this matter," Superior Court Judge Larry Paul Fidler said.

Spector, 67, is charged with second-degree murder. Clarkson died when a gun went off in her mouth as she sat in a chair in the foyer of Spector's Alhambra mansion.

The defense contended throughout the trial that Clarkson had personal problems and died of a self-inflicted wound that was an accident or a suicide.

Prosecutors presented Spector's chauffeur, who said that he heard a "pow" and that Spector then came outside with a gun in his hand and said: "I think I killed somebody."

Prosecutors also called five women from Spector's past who testified that he terrorized them with guns when they tried to leave his presence. LINDA DEUTSCH (AP)

Court Sides With Harvard Student

BOSTON | A Harvard student must be allowed extra break time during her nine-hour medical licensing exam so she can pump breast milk to feed her 4-month-old daughter, a Massachusetts appeals court judge ruled Wednesday.

Sophie Currier, 33, sued after the National Board of Medical Examiners turned down her request to take more than the standard 45 minutes in breaks during the exam. Currier said she risks medical complications if she does not pump breast milk every two to three hours. (AP)



YOUR CALL: The Navy will spend as much as \$600,000 to modify a 40-year-old barracks complex in Coronado, Calif., that resembles a swastika from the air. (AP)

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HEIGHT OF OBSCENITY: Nepal's mountaineering authorities are calling for a ban on nudity and attempts to set obscene records on Mount Everest. Last year, a climber claimed the world's highest display of nudity when he disrobed while standing on the 29,035-foot summit.

Myanmar Crackdown Turns Deadly

Up to 8 people killed as junta opens fire on protesting monks

BANGKOK | Ending nine days of restraint, Myanmar's military rulers cracked down on protesting Buddhist monks Wednesday, with security forces opening fire, shooting tear gas canisters, swinging truncheons and making scores of arrests.

The government said on state

television and radio that one man, 30, was killed, apparently hit by a ricocheting shell, according to The Associated Press. The government said three people were wounded, two men ages 25 and 27, and a 47-year-old woman; they were not hurt by gunshots but from being caught in a melee, the AP said.

Maung Maung, secretary general of the National Council of the Union of Myanmar, a Thailand-based exile group, said he had reports from a

Rangoon hospital that four protesting monks were treated for bullet wounds and a fifth had died after being shot. Other dissident groups and news reports said up to eight people, including at least five monks, have been killed.

The resort to violence suggested the military junta has decided to put an end to what has become the country's most serious political uprising since 1988, even at the price of more opprobrium from abroad.

Despite the crackdown, an estimated 5,000 maroon-robed monks, joined by an equal number of cheering students and other lay democracy activists, marched in two columns through the center of Myanmar's largest city, Rangoon.

The protesters came in defiance of orders handed down Tuesday banning gatherings of five or more people and imposing a dusk-to-dawn curfew in Rangoon and Mandalay.

EDWARD CODY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

In Brief



An Iraqi father carries his dead son, one of at least 50 killed on Wednesday.

Al-Maliki: Neighbors Must Help

Iraqi PM warns U.N. that terrorism could reverse any progress

UNITED NATIONS | Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki told the U.N. General Assembly on Wednesday that terrorism is threatening to erase any gains made in reducing sectarian killings and establishing democratic principles in his country.



al-Maliki

He also warned that Iraq's neighbors must stop the continued flow into his country of weapons, suicide bombers and funding for terrorism, saying there would be "disastrous consequences" for the region and the world if they failed.

"National reconciliation is stronger than the weapons of terrorism," al-Maliki said. But said healing is "not the responsibility of the government alone."

Al-Maliki said there have been many successes recently in Iraq. He cited the calming of regions like Anbar province in the west, a recent drop in sectarian killings and the return of thousands of displaced families to their homes.

JUSTIN BERGMAN (AP)

VIETNAM | AT LEAST 52 DIE IN BRIDGE COLLAPSE



RESCUE EFFORT: Workers try to search for survivors of a bridge collapse in southern Vinh Long province in Vietnam on Wednesday. At least 52 were killed and 97 others were injured in the accident. The collapsed section was more than 98 feet tall and was situated above a river bank, officials said. The four-lane bridge had not yet been opened to traffic.

Israeli Attacks in Gaza Kill at Least 8

GAZA CITY, GAZA STRIP | Israeli military forces killed at least eight Palestinians and wounded 25 in an airstrike and a tank-led ground operation Wednesday, the bloodiest day in the Gaza Strip since Israel declared it a "hostile territory."

The Israeli army said the raids were a response to near daily bombardment of Israeli border towns,



Palestinians inspect the wreckage after a car was hit in an Israeli missile strike.

including 20 mortar shells and 10 rockets fired Wednesday, and Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak warned that "we are moving closer to a broad and complex operation in Gaza" to stop rocket fire.

Israel's designation of Gaza as a "hostile territory" last week was a precursor to the possible cutoff of electricity and other utilities to the coastal strip, which is ruled by the Islamic militants of Hamas. (AP)

BAGHDAD

At Least 50 Killed in Suicide Bombings In Violent Upswing

A wave of bombings and shootings swept Iraq on Wednesday, killing at least 50 people and raising fears that al-Qaeda had launched a promised new offensive. The U.S. military acknowledged that violence was on the upswing and blamed it on the terror movement. Also Wednesday came the announcement that Iraqi and American troops raided the Iraqi military academy the day before and arrested cadets and instructors allegedly linked to the kidnap-slaying of the former superintendent and the abduction of his replacement. (AP)

ZINAT, MOROCCO

Girl in Photo Not Madeleine

The parents of missing British 3-year-old Madeleine McCann had their hopes dashed again Wednesday when a girl resembling their daughter who was photographed in Morocco turned out to be the child of an olive farmer. Interpol said its office in Madrid, Spain, had received "a number of photographs from members of the public of potential Madeleine sightings, including the picture taken in Morocco by a Spanish couple." (AP)

LONDON

Study: Myanmar, Somalia Most Corrupt Nations

Myanmar and Somalia have been ranked as the most corrupt nations in Transparency International's 2007 index, released Wednesday. Myanmar and Somalia received the lowest score of 1.4 out of 10. Denmark, Finland and New Zealand were the least corrupt — each scoring 9.4. (AP)

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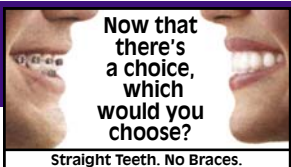
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World



A Somali woman carries sacks of food aid at a refugee camp in Jowhar, Somalia, on Wednesday. Nearly 300,000 citizens face severe food shortages, aid workers say.

Hungry Somalis Cope With Crisis

Food shortage adds to woes of a country that is plagued by disasters

JOWHAR, SOMALIA | Some days, Lul Haji Adam listens to her youngest son wail with hunger as she scrupulously divides up the food she has scraped together between the 65 members of her extended family.

But the Somali mother, who lives in the relatively quiet middle region of Somalia, would never dream of closing the door on relatives fleeing the fighting in the capital, Mogadishu.

"I have so many mouths to feed. Sometimes, when there is nothing, I feel responsible," she explained, squatting with her daughters by a pile of sacks containing grain and beans distributed by the U.N.'s World Food Program.

Relief workers say this year most Somalis have had to cope with a series of disasters: floods, drought,

violence and rising inflation. And now those Somalis living outside Mogadishu, which has suffered nearly daily violence, have to cope with relatives fleeing the capital to seek refuge with them, stretching them to the limit.

Already, 1.5 million of Somalia's estimated 7 million people need food aid. Nearly 300,000 face severe food shortages, aid workers say.

The hunger is at its most acute in the southern Somalia region of Shabelle that has served as the country's breadbasket. Poor rains have yielded the worst harvest in 13 years, and an influx of 80,000 people to Jowhar, fleeing Mogadishu, has pushed up food prices beyond the reach of many locals.

"We cannot really improve their lives," said Peter Goossens, the World Food Program's Somalia country director. "All we can really do is to stop them from falling off the edge." KATHARINE HOURELD (AP)

11 New Species Discovered in Vietnam

HANOI, VIETNAM | Scientists have discovered 11 new species of plants and animals in Vietnam, including a snake, two butterflies and five orchid varieties, the World Wildlife Fund said Wednesday.

The new species were found in a remote region known as the "Green

Corridor" in the Thua Thien Hue province. The new snake species, the white-lipped keelback, generally lives near streams and eats frogs and other small animals, the WWF said. It has a yellow-white stripe along its head and red dots on its body and can grow to more than 30 inches long. (AP)



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Money

GM, UAW Reach Accord

Tentative deal brings an end to autoworkers' strike after 2 days

DETROIT | General Motors Corp. won its struggle to unload \$51 billion in retiree health costs and improve competitiveness in the latest round of contract talks with the United Auto Workers, but not without a short-lived strike that wrung promises out of GM to keep jobs at U.S. plants.

The two sides tentatively agreed Wednesday to a groundbreaking agreement that allows GM to move its unfunded retiree health care costs into an independent trust administered by the UAW. The union also agreed to lower wages for some workers. In exchange, the UAW won commitments from GM to invest in U.S. plants, bonuses and an agreement to hire thousands of temporary workers, which will boost UAW member-



Autoworkers celebrate the end of the two-day strike with GM on Wednesday.

ship, according to a person who was briefed on the contract. The person requested anonymity.

Wall Street applauded news of the deal, sending GM shares up 9 percent in afternoon trading.

The union said the agreement with the nation's largest auto-

maker was reached shortly after 3 a.m. The UAW canceled its two-day strike about an hour later and workers were back in GM's 80 U.S. facilities Wednesday afternoon. GM lost production of about 25,000 vehicles due to the strike, according to CSM Worldwide Inc. (AP)

Fillmore to Open Club in Silver Spring

SILVER SPRING, MD. | The Fillmore, one of the most storied names in rock history, is coming to downtown Silver Spring.

The club, one of several venues modeled after the original Fillmore in San Francisco, will be

built on the site of an old J.C. Penney department store, said officials with Montgomery County and the concert promoter and venue manager Live Nation Inc. The store's art deco facade will be preserved.

The project's roughly \$10 mil-

lion budget includes \$4 million each from the state and from Montgomery County. The club is expected to fit an audience of 500 seated or 2,000 standing. It will be part of the revitalized downtown's entertainment district, across the street from the restored Silver Theatre and the Round House Theatre. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
EmergBio n	9.22	+1.43	+18.4
Pier 1	4.93	+.45	+10.0
GnMotr	37.64	+3.22	+9.4
GlobTAp	3.08	+.23	+8.1
KrispKrm	4.12	+.31	+8.1

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Fremont If	4.14	-.99	-19.3
Grtbatch	26.87	-5.23	-16.3
TOUSA	2.00	-.35	-14.9
DoralFn rs	23.48	-3.30	-12.3
Tronox	9.26	-.89	-8.8

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Copernic	3.56	+1.79	+101.1
INTAC	11.11	+3.79	+51.8
ChinaBAK	7.37	+2.33	+46.2
LJ Intl If	5.60	+1.54	+37.9
Iomai	1.84		...

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
ResConn	22.64	-6.69	-22.8
Voxware	5.50	-1.51	-21.5
ColGenex	9.35	-1.78	-16.0
ICO Inc	12.87	-2.35	-15.4
SupTech	8.50	-1.38	-13.9

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	7.75	7.75
Fed Funds close	4.81	4.69
3-month disc	3.64	3.82
2-year	3.96	3.96
10-year	4.61	4.52
30-year	4.89	4.83

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

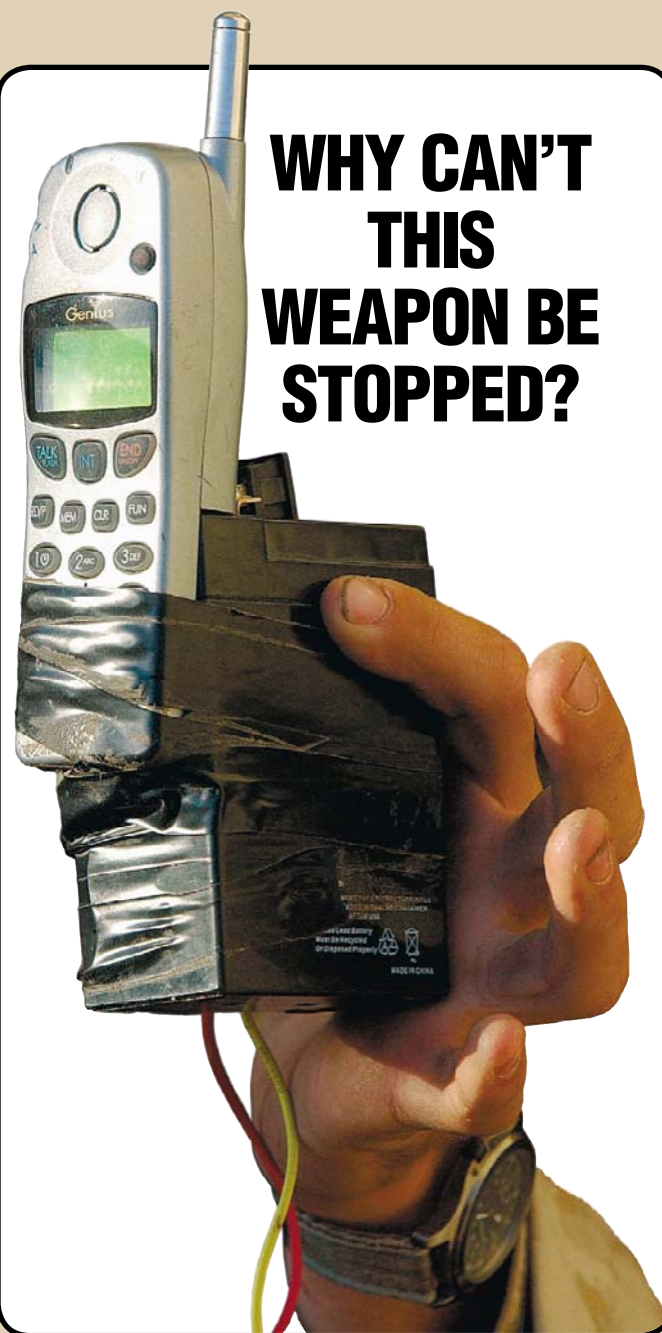
	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.4962	.4955	.5277
Canadian Dollar	1.0056	1.0014	1.1131
European Euro	.7074	.7069	.7880
Japanese Yen	115.43	114.55	117.10
Mexican Peso	10.9287	10.9273	11.0230
Taiwanese Dollar	33.03	33.06	32.90

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
+99.50	+15.58	+8.21
+0.72	+0.58	+0.54
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Bank Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
BkofAm	50.41	+.19	-5.6
BkMont g	64.34	+1.83	+8.7
BkNYMel	43.44	+.54	+10.3
BkNova g	52.21	+.31	+16.5
CIBC g	97.69	-.32	+15.9
Citigrp	46.55	+.24	-16.4
DeutschBk	126.40	-.35	-5.1
JPMorgCh	46.13	+.03	-3.8
MitsuUFJ	9.13	+.27	-26.7
RoyalBk g	54.61	+.70	+14.6
TorDBk g	74.85	+.60	+26.8
UBS AG	52.72	-.65	-12.6
US Bancrp	32.32	-.14	-10.7
Wachovia	50.64	+.20	-11.1
WellsFargo	35.85	-.22	+.8

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The number of workplaces in Virginia that made the AARP's list of the best places for employees over 50. George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., ranked No. 8 overall. AARP cited George Mason for encouraging flextime and telecommuting.

Local

Ballpark Metro Expansion Hits Snag

Developer, transit agency can't agree on key piece of land

Local officials are struggling to keep a critical expansion of the Navy Yard Metro station on pace and to identify thousands of parking spots in time to ensure a smooth opening of the Washington Nationals' new baseball stadium in April.

The Nationals' proposal to use an 800-space parking garage under the U.S. Department of Transpor-

tation headquarters two blocks away was recently rejected by the federal government over security concerns.

Construction of the 41,000-seat stadium, near South Capiol Street and the Navy Yard in Southeast, is proceeding on time and on budget. But city and team officials have been less successful in their efforts to address the significant transportation challenges.

Planners have said they expect half of the Nationals' crowd to ride Metro and that up to 8,000 park-

ing spaces will be needed for those who do not. The situation could be made worse Thursday when the Metro board is scheduled to vote on a proposal to sell 3.2 acres the transit agency owns across the street from the ballpark. Metro General Manager John B. Catoe Jr. has recommended selling the property to Akridge Co. for \$69 million.

But Monument Realty, a competing development firm, has cried foul, arguing that it was promised first dibs on the property by District and Metro officials several years ago

to build an integrated mixed-use "ballpark district, and was named "master developer" of the area by the city in 2005. The company also is working with Metro to renovate and expand the Navy Yard station, a project seven weeks behind schedule, authorities said.

Monument principal partner Jeffrey T. Neal threatened to take legal action and slow down work on the Metro expansion if his company is not awarded the Metro bus garage property. DAVID NAKAMURA AND PAUL DUGGAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

The Lotteries

Wednesday, Sept. 26

DISTRICT

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	2-6-8
Evening Lucky Numbers (Tues.)	4-1-3
Mid-day DC 4	7-6-5-9
Evening DC 4 (Tues.)	7-1-4-3
Rolling Cash Five (Tues.)	3-5-6-11-16
Daily 6 (Tues.)	8-10-14-21-28-30 Bonus: 20

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	0-9-5
Evening Pick 3 (Tues.)	3-9-0
Mid-day Pick 4	8-7-9-6
Evening Pick 4 (Tues.)	5-9-0-6
Match 5 (Tues.)	4-5-7-17-37 Bonus: 9

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3 (Wed.)	1-7-1
Evening Pick 3 (Tues.)	9-9-0
Mid-day Pick 4 (Wed.)	7-1-2-3
Evening Pick 4 (Tues.)	0-6-5-2
Mid-day Cash 5 (Wed.)	1-3-7-27-28
Evening Cash 5 (Tues.)	1-6-18-21-32

MULTI-STATE GAMES

Mega Millions (Tues.)	2-19-23-47-54
Mega Ball	16

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HEARSAY | LAWSUIT

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State to Reimburse Virginia Tech \$1.3M

Funds requested from state will cover costs of shootings aftermath

BLACKSBURG, VA. | Gov. Timothy M. Kaine has approved nearly half of the \$2.9 million Virginia Tech requested from the state general fund to cover costs associated with the mass shootings on campus in April.

The university will be reimbursed \$1.3 million from the general fund's contingency reserve, spokeswoman Delacey Skinner said Tuesday.

Most of the money — \$755,000 — will go for archiving computer

and telephone voicemail records for legal purposes, she said.

The records were requested by the state attorney general's office.

The governor reimbursed Tech \$200,000 for counseling and liaison services for the families

of the 32 people a student gunman killed before killing himself on April 16.

About \$189,000 will cover the costs of a center set up on campus for police and the news media, Skinner said. (AP)



Kaine

STERLING, VA. | CIRCUS OF THE SENSES



A TOUCHING SHOW: The Clown Prince from Italy, played by Natalino Huesca, teaches Nick DuBois, 7, of Arlington, Va., on Wednesday how to walk while balancing a bottle, which was attached to a stick. The Touch Session took place after the Circus of the Senses, a performance at Dulles Town Center put on by the Big Apple Circus for 800 visually and hearing-impaired children.

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Sports



MORE TROUBLE: A federal judge placed tighter restrictions on Michael Vick on Wednesday after the quarterback tested positive for marijuana. Vick was restricted to his home between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. with electronic monitoring and was ordered to submit to random drug testing.

Who Wants a Baseball Pennant?

MLB is thriving with more parity — or, as some say, mediocrity

BASEBALL | Baseball has discovered the formula for boom times — parity.

There aren't any dominant teams as the sport prepares for its playoffs next week. Franchises with .500 records headed into the final month of the season with postseason hopes — which kept fans filling ballparks at record-setting levels.

Even a cellar-dweller such as Tampa Bay may wind up with a dubious distinction — the Devil Rays (65-92) could finish with the best winning percentage for the worst team in the major leagues (.414) since the 1900 New York Giants went 60-78 (.435), according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

For only the second time in major league history (the other was in 2000), a season could end with no club playing .600 ball or better and no team with lower than a .400 winning percentage.

"It's good for baseball," Chicago Cubs manager Lou Piniella said. "More interest, more towns involved."



FILLED TO CAPACITY: During Tuesday's game, the Tigers, who missed the playoffs, surpassed the 3 million mark for tickets sold for the first time in franchise history.

With so many teams in contention, baseball will top the average attendance mark that has stood since 1994, before a disastrous 7½-month strike caused a steep

decrease. All those occupied seats have translated into piles of cash: Baseball estimated this week that revenue will be approximately \$5.7 billion this year, an increase

of \$500 million.

"To think that the average club will draw over 2.6 million, it's stunning," baseball commissioner Bud Selig said this week. "You go back in history and there's nothing like it, absolutely nothing like it."

Only five or six teams will fall shy of 2 million — with Florida and Tampa Bay lagging at the bottom.

"The more teams we can keep in the mix, the more fun it is for everybody," Mets pitcher Tom Glavine said. "Fans want their teams to have a chance. Players don't want to go into places where it's going to be a layup that you're going to win two of three or sweep. We all like to play in an atmosphere, and we all like to play in games that matter."

But the price has been what some would call mediocrity.

"When you look at teams like Tampa Bay or the Marlins who might not have great records, they're dangerous teams. They're not knockovers like last-place teams used to be," the Mets' Jeff Conine said. "Look at Baltimore. Baltimore has beaten the heck out of the Yankees this year. And Baltimore's terrible." RONALD BLUM (AP)



Brian Griese was named the Bears' starting quarterback on Wednesday.

Bears Give Griese a Shot at QB

Grossman is benched with Chicago 1-2 and struggling on offense

NFL | The Chicago Bears have seen enough of Rex Grossman. Now it's Brian Griese's turn.

The much anticipated quarterback change became official Wednesday when the defending NFC champions announced Griese would start this week at Detroit.

At 1-2 and with the league's 30th-ranked offense, something needed to change for the Bears. So, they turned to Griese, a Pro Bowl pick with Denver in 2000.

"I'm excited for Brian," coach Lovie Smith said. "He brings a lot of experience. He's been a loyal soldier in a backup role up to this point. He's anxious to go. ... Of course, decisions like this aren't made overnight. I've looked at a pattern of our play and the play at the quarterback position."

Whether this is the end for Grossman in Chicago or just a temporary switch after several rough outings remains to be seen. He has six interceptions and one touchdown this season and got picked off three times in last week's 34-10 loss to Dallas.

"As far as week to week, no. We don't do things that way," Smith said. "Rex wasn't under week to week. ... Brian is our quarterback. The starting rotation has been established now." ANDREW SELIGMAN (AP)

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Best Bets: Is it 1997 or 2007? Packers QB **BRETT FAVRE** has thrown for six TDs and just two interceptions and has returned to must-start status against the Vikings. The big knock on Cowboys TE **JASON WITTEN** was that he caught only one touchdown last year. He's already doubled that total and is second on Dallas with 14 catches and 233 yards. Never heard of **BRANDON MARSHALL**? The Broncos' receiver's stats speak volumes: 17 catches and 267 yards heading into Sunday's showdown with the Colts.

Not a Chance: Rex Grossman's poor play is the only reason **CEDRIC BENSON**'s lack of production (63 yards per game, two fumbles) has gone unnoticed. It won't when the trend continues versus the Lions. With a whopping four catches for 42 yards, former first-round pick **TROY WILLIAMSON** is playing like he's been on a bye all season. Enjoy facing him, Green Bay fans. They say stats can't measure **STEVE MCNAIR**'s value on a team. You can measure the time the Ravens' quarterback is on the bench, though. MATT SWENSON (EXPRESS)

BONDS FALLING IN VALUE: The ball Barry Bonds hit for his record-breaking 756th home run will be branded with an asterisk and sent to the Baseball Hall of Fame. Fashion designer Marc Ecko announced the decision to brand it won an online vote over sending it to Cooperstown unblemished or launching it into space.



Sports

U.S. Taps Veteran Keeper

Soccer coach decides to bench young star for semifinal versus Brazil

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP | Greg Ryan will be seen as a savvy strategist if it works.

If it fails, he'll be blamed for benching goalkeeper Hope Solo — she hasn't yielded a goal in almost 300 minutes in the Women's World Cup — and switching 24 hours before the match to veteran Briana Scurry for Thursday's semifinal against Brazil.

The U.S. coach surprised almost everyone on Wednesday, going with the 36-year-old Scurry because her quick reflexes could frustrate the tricky, fast-paced Brazilians led by strikers Marta and Cristiane.

Unbeaten in 51 straight games, the No. 1-ranked United States is seeking its third World Cup title. A victory on Thursday puts the U.S. squad into Sunday's final against defending champion Germany in



Veteran Briana Scurry was named the starting U.S. goalie for Thursday's semi.

Shanghai. Germany reached the final on Wednesday in Tianjin, overwhelming Norway 3-0.

Solo, 25, has been excellent defending crosses and high balls, but Ryan wants Scurry for her scrambling.

"The way the Brazilians play in terms of creating off the dribble in the penalty box and making a goalkeeper make reaction-type saves, I think Bri is the best goalkeeper in the world in those situations," Ryan said.

Scurry is a longtime star. Her decisive penalty-kick save against China in the '99 final in the Rose Bowl captivated the nation. But this switch could be disruptive to a young, close-knit group. The game is expected to be tight, although the United States has lost only once to Brazil in 22 games.

Ryan broke the news to Solo on Tuesday, but she sensed what was coming.

"The moment I got tapped on the shoulder saying I need to meet with you, I had a pit in my stomach, and I knew what it was," said Solo, who's given up only two goals in four games — both against North Korea in a 2-2 opening draw.

"I was very taken back, but that's the nature of sports and it happens," Solo said. "He has his reasons." (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

ORIOLES (7 P.M. ON MASN) While the Nationals rest, the Orioles wrap up their series against the Blue Jays and prepare for the Yankees.

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP (8 A.M. ON ESPN2; 5 P.M. ON ESPN CLASSIC) The U.S. faces Brazil in

the semifinal of the women's World Cup, with the winner set to play Germany for the title this weekend.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL (7:30 P.M. ON ESPN) Southern Mississippi heads west to play on Boise State's blue turf.

MLB STANDINGS

THROUGH SEPT. 25'S GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Boston	93	64	.592	—	48-28	45-36
New York	90	67	.573	3	52-29	38-38
Toronto	80	77	.510	13	47-31	33-46
Baltimore	67	90	.427	26	33-43	34-47
Tampa Bay	65	92	.414	28	37-42	28-50

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Cleveland	93	63	.596	—	51-29	42-34
Detroit	86	72	.544	8	44-36	42-36
Minnesota	77	80	.490	16.5	41-40	36-40
Chicago	68	89	.433	25.5	34-42	34-47
Kansas City	68	89	.433	25.5	34-44	34-45

WEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
L.A. Angels	92	66	.582	—	54-27	38-39
Seattle	83	73	.532	8	44-32	39-41
Oakland	75	83	.475	17	39-39	36-44
Texas	74	84	.468	18	46-34	28-50

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
N.Y. Mets	87	70	.554	—	40-36	47-34
Philadelphia	85	72	.541	2	43-33	42-39
Atlanta	83	74	.529	4	44-37	39-37
Washington	71	87	.449	16.5	40-41	31-46
Florida	67	90	.427	20	34-45	33-45

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Chicago	83	74	.529	—	44-37	39-37
Milwaukee	81	76	.516	2	49-27	32-49
St. Louis	73	84	.465	10	43-38	30-46
Cincinnati	71	86	.452	12	38-38	33-48
Houston	69	88	.439	14	40-38	29-50
Pittsburgh	67	90	.427	16	36-40	31-50

WEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Arizona	88	69	.561	—	50-31	38-38
San Diego	86	71	.548	2	47-34	39-37
Colorado	85	72	.541	3	48-30	37-42
L.A. Dodgers	80	77	.510	8	41-35	39-42
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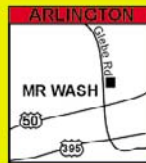
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Mike Benton, General Manager of Rosner Toyota of Fredericksburg, an award winning Toyota dealer in Northern Virginia, has announced plans to hold a five-dollar used car and truck sales event this Saturday.

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Mike Benton,
General Manager,
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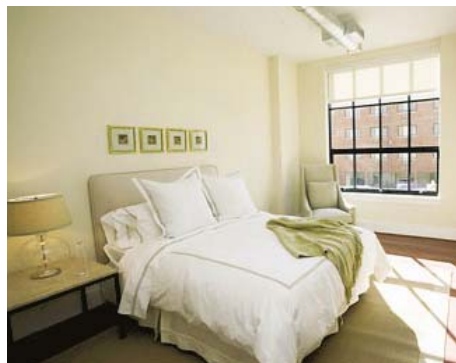
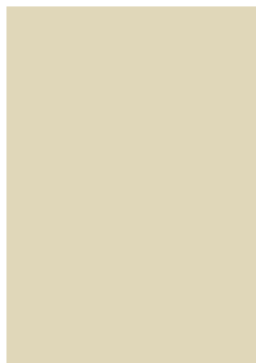
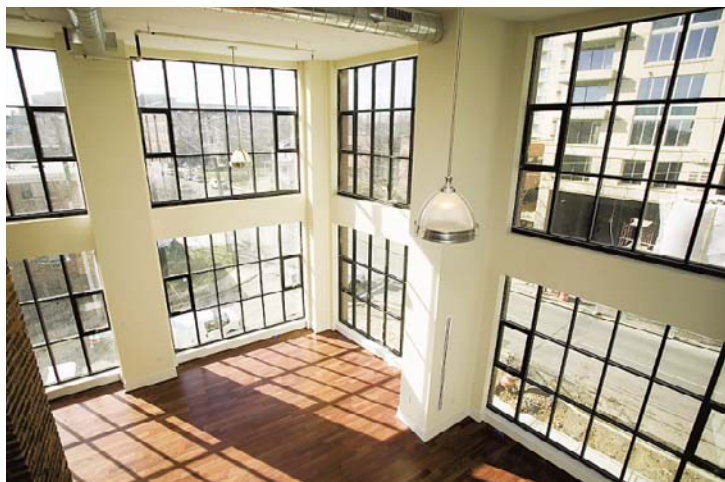
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Sports

Caps Owner: Man of Many Interests

After leaving behind the daily grind, Leonsis can do what he wants

CAPITALS | One moment, Capitals owner Ted Leonsis shakes his head over Britney Spears' flawed performance at the "terrible" Video Music Awards, then he offers an analysis of how MTV has missed an opportunity to reinvent itself.

Soon afterward, he is captivated by a room with the story of how he

become preoccupied with a World War II-era massacre in China, leading him to make the Sundance award-winning documentary "Nanking" and consider launching a movie studio that will specialize in what he calls "filmanthropy."

A year after quitting his day job as an executive at AOL, where he made his fortune, the 51-year-old Internet pioneer is reaping the rewards of a successful life. He can dabble in whatever strikes his fancy, whether it's movies, his NHL team, checking



LESLIE WALKER/TWP

off items on his list of 101 things to do before he dies, or his daily blog.

So far, he's checked off 75 of the 101 items, everything from winning an Emmy (AOL received one for its Web broadcast of the Live 8 concert) to owning a yacht. Some, such as "go into outer space" and "win a world championship" will be a bit more difficult to achieve.

"I would say the last 12 months

Ted Leonsis says he's accomplished 75 of the 101 things he wants to do in life.

have been some of the best times of my life," Leonsis said.

More than anything, he is a master communicator, and those who know him say it's easy to understand how the gregarious son of Greek immigrants became such a success.

"He is among the best storytellers that I have ever met anywhere in the world," said Raul Fernandez, chairman of ObjectVideo and member of the Leonsis-led group that owns the NHL's Washington Capitals. "He's a renaissance man on steroids. He has such a compassionate side that's very visible."

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Sports

Captain Jack Is Back in Control

Nicklaus takes back the reins as the U.S. Presidents Cup leader

GOLF | Jack Nicklaus had a golf club in his hand and a gallery around him, just like old times.

He was checking up on his U.S. team at the Presidents Cup when he noticed Steve Stricker in a bunker at Royal Montreal, getting advice from assistant captain Jeff Sluman. It wasn't long before Nicklaus joined them. "First bunker shot I've hit since May," Nicklaus cracked.

The last competitive shot he struck was two years ago at St. Andrews, when he holed a 15-foot birdie putt for a 72 in the British Open. So ended the career of golf's



Nicklaus

greatest champion, and he ended his retirement season on an even greater note when the Americans delivered a victory for Captain Jack in the Presidents Cup.

So, it was strange to see him back as the captain, even with a mild protest from his wife.

"I was thinking, 'Oh, my gosh, how can we top 2005?'" Barbara Nicklaus said from Montreal, where she was getting ready for the Presidents Cup opening ceremony.

"I don't think he misses playing," she said. "I know he misses the competition."

Being captain of the Presidents Cup team helps fill that void.

Winning the cup never hurts.

"It keeps me involved in golf," Nicklaus said after announcing his six foursome teams for the opening session Thursday. "Being captain, I had to keep up with the game. Even though I don't play, I still want to be part of the game." DOUG FERGUSON (AP)

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STAGE PRESENCE: U2 rocks solid on its DVD "PopMart: Live in Mexico City."

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DVD | Commemorating the 10th anniversary of their larger-than-life 1997 tour, U2's live concert DVD "PopMart: Live in Mexico City" is an indispensable snapshot of the band at the close of the most adventurous period of its career.

Playing in support of its ninth studio album, the unfairly lambasted electronic detour "Pop," U2 put together a tour full of so much spectacle, flash and sensual overload that critics didn't know what to think of their tongue-in-cheek swipe at consumer culture.

A colorful array of visuals on the world's largest LCD at the time — 56 feet tall, 176 feet wide — and electronic flourish added to the set list had fans scratching their heads as well. And of course there was the infamous Lemon stunt, in which they emerge for an encore from inside a 50-foot-tall lemon-shaped disco ball.

All the hits up until that point in their career are here, and they pull off several brilliant reworkings of signature songs — an anthemic version of "Even Better Than The Real Thing," an electro-charged "New

Year's Day," a funky "Bullet the Blue Sky" and the Edge's quiet solo take on "Sunday Bloody Sunday."

A few highlights include Bono's and the Edge's acoustic duets on "Desire" and "Staring at the Sun," an always-rousing "Where the

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Streets Have No Name," the softness of "All I Want Is You" and a brief moment when Bono gets tearful as the crowd steals his thunder to take over "Pride (In The Name of Love)" — the last worth the price of the DVD alone.

Two versions are available: a single disc with the concert in both stereo and surround sound, as well as a limited deluxe edition featuring a bonus disc with seven live performances recorded in Rotterdam and Edmonton, videos, a PopMart trivia game, and a few short documentaries from the tour, including one on the band's legendary performance in war-torn Sarajevo.

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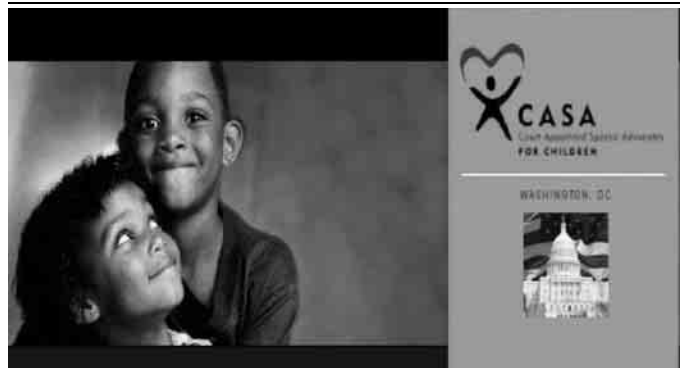
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A WOMAN IN CHARGE? HOGWASH! FX has plans to run the new series "Queen B," a female workplace drama from the creators of "Nip/Tuck." The plot centers on a brilliant but ruthless woman who takes over a worldwide conglomerate as a CEO.

Television

ON TV TONIGHT

SEASON PREMIERE NO. 1

Earl begins serving his sentence in a disappointing hour-long episode of **MY NAME IS EARL** (8 p.m., NBC).

SEASON PREMIERE NO. 2

Chaos consumes Betty's personal and private affairs on **UGLY BETTY** (8 p.m., ABC).

SEASON PREMIERE NO. 3

Clark confronts Bizarro on **SMALLVILLE** (8 p.m., CW).

SEASON PREMIERE NO. 4

A frantic first day for new residents Meredith, Izzie and Christina on **GREY'S ANATOMY** (9 p.m., ABC).

SEASON PREMIERE NO. 5

Michael fears that Dundler-Mifflin is under a spell on **THE OFFICE** (9 p.m., NBC). And, of course, the Pam and



RETURN OF THE SERIES: "The Office" and other TV goodies are back tonight.

Jim saga continues.

SEASON PREMIERE NO. 6

The team rushes to discover Sarah's fate on **CSI** (9 p.m., CBS). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

Tough Exteriors

ABC debuts a series about 4 wealthy men and their big egos

BUSINESS | ABC claims that the comedy/drama "Big Shots" (10 p.m., ABC) explores "what it's like to be a man in 2007." But with a few minor tweaks, it could take place in 1957, or, for that matter, 1907.

Set in a country club, "Big" follows four corporate giants. James Walker (Michael Vartan, "Alias") believes he is a happily married man on the way to the top, but his illusions are shattered early on. Consultant Brody Johns (Christopher



MACHO MEN: Christopher Titus and Michael Vartan star in "Big Shots."

Titus, "Titus") projects an outward bravado, but his wife calls the shots. Karl Mixworthy (Joshua Malina, "The West Wing") has no illusions about his manliness. So, he cheats on his doting wife.

Dylan McDermott ("The Practice") rounds out the cast as Duncan Collinsworth, the confident CEO. He's first seen in a compromising position in the wine cellar of the country club with his first wife.

"Big Shots" covers a remarkable amount of ground in its brisk pilot. Unfortunately, all of this action and explication calls on the characters to engage in ludicrously obvious dialogue and career from one strangely callous act to another. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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LOCAL CHANNELS	WRC [4]	News (N) [66]		NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	My Name Is Earl [1]		The Office "Fun Run" [1]		(:01) ER "The War Comes Home" [1]		News (N) [66]	Tonight Show
	WTTG [5]	News (N)	TMZ (N) [1]	The Simpsons [1]	Seinfeld [1]	Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?		Don't Forget the Lyrics! (N) [1]		News (N)		News (N)	TMZ [1]
	WJLA [7]	News (N) [66]	ABC Wld News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Ugly Betty (Season Premiere) (N) [1]		Grey's Anatomy [1]		(:01) Big Shots "Pilot" [1]		News (N) [66]	(:35) Nightline (N)
	WUSA [9]	News (N) [66]	Evening News	News	Entertainment	Survivor: China (N) [1]		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation [1]		Without a Trace "Lost Boy" [1]		News (N) [66]	Late Show
	WDCA [20]	Judge Judy (N) [1]	Judge Joe Brown	King of Queens	King of Queens	*** "Bat 21" (1988, Action) Gene Hackman, Danny Glover. [1]		Every- Raymond		King of the Hill [1]		Law & Order: Criminal Intent [66]	
	WMPT [22]	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Business Rpt.	Your Business	MotorWeek [66]	This Old House		Political Forum Republican forum. (S Live) [66]		The Blitz: London's Longest Night [1]		Charlie Rose (N) [1]	
	WETA [26]	BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Memorial	Great Views		Political Forum Republican forum. (S Live) [66]		Valentia		Charlie Rose (N) [1]	
	WHUT [32]	Tony Brown	Tavis Smiley [1]	BBC World News	Moneywise	Cut From Different Cloth: Burqas		Frontline Global warming. [1]		BBC World News		Tavis Smiley [1]	Charlie Rose (N) [1]
	WDCW [50]	My Wife and Kids	Family Guy [66]	Two/Half Men	Friends [1]	Smallville "Bizarro" [1]		Reaper "Pilot" [1]		Family Guy [66]		Friends [1]	Two/Half Men
													Sex and the City
BASIC CABLE	A&E	Cold Case Files [66]		CSI: Miami "Deadline" [1]		CSI: Miami "Kill Switch" [1]		The First 48 [66]		The First 48 "Blindsided" [66]		The First 48 [66]	
	Animal	The Crocodile Hunter [66]		The Most Extreme		Foiled by Nature		State of the Great Ape [66]		Animal Cops Houston "Ferret Frenzy"		The Most Extreme	Foiled by Nature
	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live Top 10 countdown. (N)		Hell Date (N)		The Black Carpet	Testimony [66]	Access Granted	The Wire Avon reads his troops for a war against Marlo.		Take the Cake (Live) [66]		
	Bravo	Tim Gunn's Guide to Style [66]		Tim Gunn's Guide to Style "Nicole"		Top Chef [66]		Tim Gunn's Guide to Style "Nicole"		Tim Gunn's Guide to Style (N) [66]		Top Chef [66]	
	Comedy	(5:00) *** "The Hebrew Hammer"		Scrubs [1]	Scrubs [1]	Daily Show	Colbert Report	Mind of Mencia	South Park [66]	South Park [66]	Drawn Together	Daily Show	Colbert Report
	Court	World's Wildest Police Videos		Cops [1]	Cops [1]	American Jail	American Jail	Bounty Girls Miami (N)		Forensic Files	Forensic Files	LA Forensics	Hollywood Heat
	Discovery	Cash Cab [66]	Cash Cab [66]	MythBusters Deadly bullets. [66]		Dirty Jobs "Crew's Cruise" [66]		Lobster Wars "The Final Push" (N)		You Spook Discovery [66]		Dirty Jobs "Billboard Installer" [66]	
	DISCH	Code Blue "Long Way Home" [66]		Impact: Stories of Survival [66]		Just Cook This	Just Cook This	Lyon-Kitchen	Lyon-Kitchen	Little People, Big World [66]		Just Cook This	Just Cook This
	Disney	Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody	Hannah Montana	Zack & Cody	"Jump In!" (2007) Corbin Bleu, Keke Palmer. [1]		That's So Raven		That's So Raven	Life With Derek	Zack & Cody	Hannah Montana
	E!	Extreme Hollywood "Star Treatment"		E! News (N)	The Daily 10 (N)	Goldie & Kate: The E! True Hollywood Story [1]		Girl Next Door	Girl Next Door	Girl Next Door	E! News	Chelsea Lately (N)	
SPATIAL	FX	(5:00) *** "Gone in Sixty Seconds" (2000) Nicolas Cage.		*** "The Day After Tomorrow" (2004, Action) Dennis Quaid, Jake Gyllenhaal, Ian Holm.		Always Sunny	Always Sunny	Always Sunny	Always Sunny	Over Your Head	Don't Sweat It		
	HGTV	Small Space	If Walls Could	House Worth?	House Hunters	Designed to Sell	Buy Me [1]	Divine Design	Color Correction	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	Over Your Head	Don't Sweat It
	Family	8 Simple Rules [1]	8 Simple Rules [1]	Grounded for Life	Grounded for Life	*** "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles II: The Secret of the Ooze" (1991) [66]		Boneyard "Oil Rigs" (N) [66]		Ancient Discoveries		Wild West Tech: Brothel Tech [66]	
	History	American Eats "Beer" Beer. [66]		Modern Marvels: Sticky Stuff [66]		Reba "Surprise"	Reba [1]	*** "Thirteen" (2003, Drama) Holly Hunter, Evan Rachel Wood. [66]		Wild West Tech: Brothel Tech [66]		Will & Grace	Will & Grace
	Lifetime	Reba "The Rings"	Reba [1]	Still Standing [1]	Still Standing [1]	The Real World	The Real World	The Hills [1]	The Hills [1]	Celebrity Rap Superstar (S Live)		Wild 'n Out [1]	Wild 'n Out [1]
	NICK	Drake & Josh [1]	Drake & Josh [1]	Zoey 101 [66]	Ned's School	Drake & Josh [1]	SpongeBob	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	George Lopez [1]	George Lopez [1]	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince
	SCI FI	Stargate SG-1 "Disclosure" [1]		Journeymen "Pilot" [1]		*** "10.5" (2004, Suspense) Kim Delaney, Beau Bridges, Fred Ward. A series of earthquakes threatens the West Coast.		TNA IMPACT! (N) [1]		The Ultimate Fighter [1]		Sex and the City	Sex and the City
	SPICE	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation [66]		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation [66]		Friends [1]	Friends [1]	*** "Cheaper by the Dozen" (2003) Steve Martin, Bonnie Hunt. [66]		American Chopper [66]		American Chopper [66]	
	TBS	Friends [1]	Every- Raymond	Every- Raymond	Every- Raymond	American Hot Rod (N)		*** "Forrest Gump" (1994, Drama) Tom Hanks. A slow-witted Southerner experiences 30 years of history. [66]		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit [1]		Law & Order: Criminal Intent [66]	
	TLC	Property Ladder [66]		Monster Garage "Pike's Peak Racer"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit [1]		Geezers Gone Wild Bizarre behavior.		Rock of Love		The Pick Up Artist	
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	USA	Law & Order: Criminal Intent [66]		Law & Order: Criminal Intent [66]		Law & Order: Criminal Intent [66]		Geezers Gone Wild Bizarre behavior.		Rock of Love		The Pick Up Artist	
	VHI	Fabulous Life	Fabulous Life	Fabulous Life Of... "Cougars" [1]		40 Hottest Over 40 [1]							
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	ESPN	SportsCenter (Live) [66]		College Football Southern Mississippi at Boise State. (Live) [66]		SportsCenter (Live) [66]							
	ESPN2	NASCAR Now	Football Live	2007 World Series of Poker		MLS Soccer Los Angeles Galaxy at Kansas City Wizards. (Live) [66]		Women's Soccer FIFA World Cup Semifinal -- Teams TBA. [66]					
	CSN	SportsNite (Live) [66]		English Premier League Soccer Chelsea vs. Manchester United. (Taped)		Rowing FISA World Championships.		SportsNite (Live) [66]		Washington Post Live			
	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight [66]		The Situation Room		Out in the Open		Larry King Live [66]		Anderson Cooper 360 [66]		The O'Reilly Factor	
	FNC	Special Report (Live) [66]		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith		Countdown With Keith Olbermann		MSNBC Live With Dan Abrams		Unlocking the Past Murder case.		Verdict: You Decide "Deadly Steps"	
MOVIES	MSNBC	Tucker		Hardball [66]									
	AMC	(4:30) *** "The Natural" (1984) Robert Redford. 'PG'		*** "The Untouchables" (1987, Crime Drama) Kevin Costner, Sean Connery. 'R' [66]		Mad Men "Long Weekend" (N)		Mad Men "Long Weekend"					
	TCM	Tragedy-Othello	*** "The Bigamist" (1953, Drama) Joan Fontaine. 'NR'		*** "Kelly's Heroes" (1970, War) Clint Eastwood, Telly Savalas, Don Rickles. 'GP' [66] (DVS)		*** "Where Eagles Dare" (1969) Richard Burton. 'PG'						
	HBO	*** "Lady in the Water" (2006, Fantasy) Paul Giamatti. [1] 'PG-13' [66]		Inside the NFL [1]		*** "X-Men: The Last Stand" (2006, Action) Hugh Jackman. [1] 'PG-13' [66]		Real Sex Xtra		Cathouse 2			
	MAX	(5:50) *** "Tenacious D in: The Pick of Destiny" (2006)		*** "The Departed" (2006, Crime Drama) Leonardo DiCaprio, Matt Damon. [1] 'R' [66]		*** "My Cousin Vinny" (1992, Comedy) Joe Pesci. [1] 'R' [66]							
	SHOW	(5:30) *** "Akeelah and the Bee" (2006) 'PG' [66]		*** "Jumanji" (1995) Robin Williams. iTV. [1] 'PG' [66]		(:15) *** "Dangerous Minds" (1995) Michelle Pfeiffer. iTV. [1] 'R' [66]		Weeds (iTV) [1]		Californication [1]			
	TMC	(5:15) Child's Play (:45) "Warriors of Terra" (2006, Horror) Edward Furlong, Ellen Furey. 'NR'		*** "The Outsider" (2005, Documentary) [1] 'NR' [66]		*** "The Da Vinci Code" (2006, Mystery) Tom Hanks, Audrey Tautou. [1] 'PG-13' [66]		Fog City Mav.					
	STARZ!	(5:30) *** "Judge Dredd" (1995) 'R'		(:10) *** "Derailed" (2005, Suspense) Clive Owen. [1] 'R' [66]									
	ENCORE	(:05) *** "Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit" (1993) Whoopi Goldberg. [1] 'PG'		*** "The Benchwarmers" (2006) David Spade. [1] 'PG-13'		*** "Rambo: First Blood Part II" (1985) [1] 'R' [66]		(:15) *** "Silent Hill" (2006) 'R' [66]					

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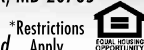
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Business

Collecting is more than a hobby to some savvy entrepreneurs

For 31 years, Alan Rosen has built a successful career as a professional baseball card dealer, but his real pride is an army of robots.

Rosen has amassed a robot collection now 609 large, worth a total of \$1.2 million. He keeps every single one in individual shrink-wrapped plastic cases displayed in cabinets in his home office in Montvale, N.J.

Owning 609 of anything dem-

onstrates real dedication, the kind that has built countless collections of Beanie Babies, stamps and state quarters. And in the current stock market turmoil, the possibility of making money from collectibles may appeal to those looking for a different place to invest.

Certified financial planner Ellen Dorle said the value in collecting depends largely on the items. A passionate collector may spot value that others miss, she said.

"If something is old and it has some scarcity to it, it may eventually be worth something to somebody," Dorle said. "The question is: Who is that person, and how do you find them?"

Rosen, who is known in the collectors circuit as Mr. Mint, sells

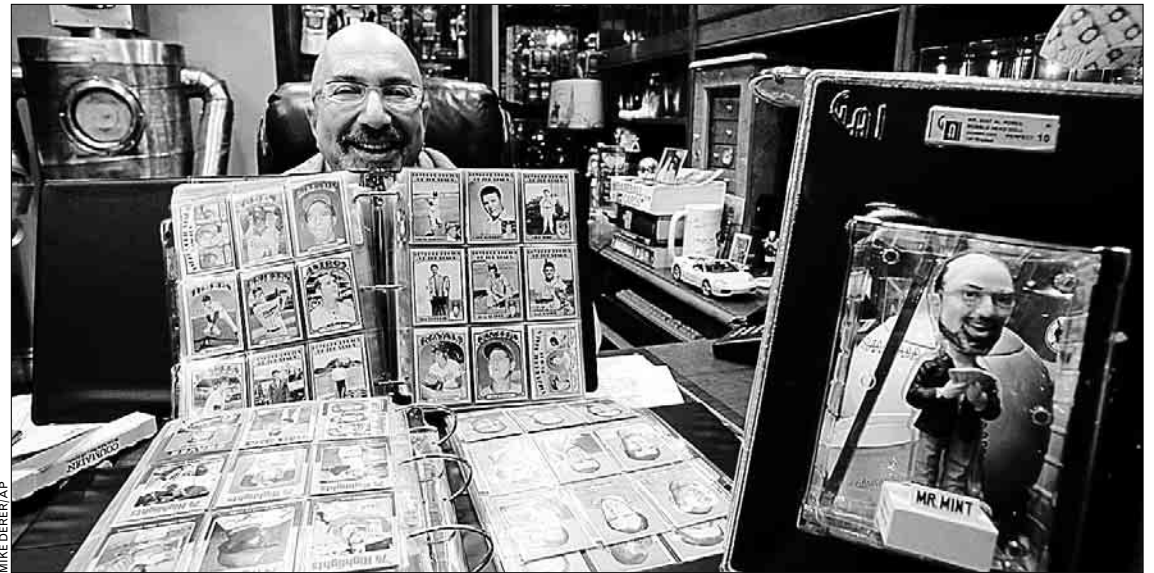
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COLLECT CALLING: Alan Rosen, known as Mr. Mint to collectors, makes a living buying and selling collectible baseball cards.

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an average of \$4 million worth of baseball cards per year and makes roughly 21 percent profit before expenses.

Wine is a gaining popularity as

a collectible among amateurs and professionals, thanks to growing demand leading to sharp price hikes. That has drawn interest from investors who have created funds to treat wine much like stocks.

Former investment banker Steve Bachmann founded Vinfo — a San Francisco company that sells wine through its Web site, stores bottles for clients and helps them catalog their cellars.

Bachmann generally doesn't encourage wine collecting as an investment strategy, but he concedes that in recent years wine has proven to be a good investment.

"I don't in general advocate peo-

ple treating wine as an asset class, like securities, partly because that's not what it's intended for," Bachmann said. "It's intended to be consumed."

Irrationality seems to creep into most collecting markets.

Rosen said this year there is a set of baseball cards featuring the greatest players of all time. The 17,300 cards come in different styles and colors.

"Now, that is really for a sickness," Rosen said. "Try to collect 17,300 of something just because it has a little different picture or little different word — that's where I have to draw the line." VINNEE TONG (AP)

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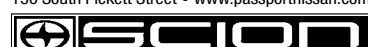
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Making Money Green

Education

Colleges are teaching MBA students how to save the environment

Business professor John Stayton remembers when eyes would start rolling at the idea of a "green MBA."

These days, business schools across the country are incorporating the environmental and social costs of doing business into their curricula, and a few, like the program Stayton directs at Dominican University of California, aim for an all-green program.

The goal? How to succeed in business without really frying the planet.

"Essentially, we've got to change the way we're doing everything and making everything," Stayton said.

The move to balance economy and ecology is showing up all over, said Rich Leimsider, director of the



John Stayton, left, is the director of Dominican University's Green MBA program.

Center for Business Education at the Aspen Institute, a leadership think tank.

"It matters what the senior executives of companies do, say and think," Leimsider said. "If you can change business educa-

tion to include an appreciation for the social and environmental context, you wind up with leaders who are really good at creating value all around."

The Stanford Graduate School of Business introduced a joint

The move to balance economy and ecology is showing up all over the business world.

degree program for MBA students in environment and resources in April. Another initiative teams the business and engineering school for a course in which students use concepts from both disciplines to solve problems. This year, one project involved developing a safe, cheap and easy-to-power LED light for people who don't have electricity, an alternative to dangerous and relatively expensive kerosene lamps.

On the East Coast, officials at Duke University's Fuqua School of Business plan to launch an initiative with Duke's environmental school that will study the emerging

field of doing business in a sustainable context.

"What we're seeing at Duke, and we're seeing this probably everywhere, is the business community now has reached a point where they recognize that to be globally competitive, you have to have an understanding of the risks and the opportunities that natural environments pose for firms," said Michael Lenox, associate professor of business. "We're seeing recruiters and the like asking that of our students: Do they have that knowledge?"

The new programs may be environmentally friendly, but they're still all-business.

"We want people who graduate from our program to be able to go toe to toe with MBAs from Stanford, Harvard ... all the other fine business schools," said Miguel Esteban of the Bainbridge Graduate Institute in Washington state, which offers a green MBA. "We would be doing them an injustice if we weren't giving them those core competencies."

The result is an executive with an edge, Lenox said.

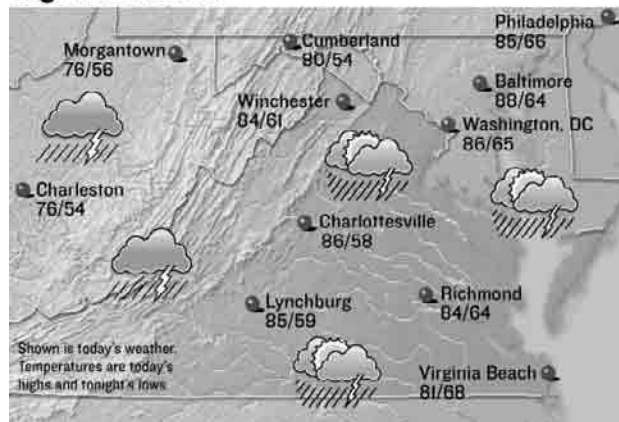
"This is a huge area of opportunity," agreed Stayton. "The goal is for our students to be in positions where the more successful they are at advancing their initiatives, the more money they'll be earning."

MICHELLE LOCKE (AP)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
A thunderstorm in the afternoon	Partly cloudy, a thunderstorm	Partly sunny, breezy, less humid	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny, warm
86°	65°	83° / 60°	81° / 57°	79° / 61°	81° / 62°

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Temperature	
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Normal high	76°
Normal low	58°
Average humidity	59%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.60"
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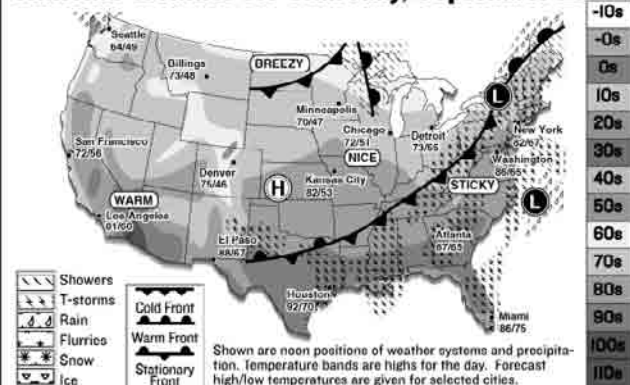
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Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	7:00 a.m.
Sunset tonight	6:58 p.m.
Moonrise today	7:16 p.m.
Moonset today	7:53 a.m.



National Weather for Thursday, September 27



National Cities

City	Today	Fri.
Atlanta	87/65/pc	85/63/s
Boston	78/64/t	74/60/r
Chicago	72/51/s	74/53/s
Dallas	90/68/pc	90/68/s
Denver	75/46/s	81/50/pc
Honolulu	88/75/s	88/75/pc
Los Angeles	81/60/pc	75/59/pc
Miami	86/75/t	88/76/t
New York City	82/67/t	80/63/pc
Orlando	90/72/t	92/74/pc
Seattle	64/49/r	58/48/c

World Cities

City	Today	Fri.
Amsterdam	57/49/pc	59/52/r
Athens	83/70/pc	85/72/s
Berlin	59/50/pc	60/44/t
Buenos Aires	72/54/pc	70/55/s
Calgary	64/40/pc	51/27/pc
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Geneva	47/45/r	49/42/r
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Styles

LOOKout



Christmas comes early with a sleeveless tank dress (left, \$88), a hooded cardigan (middle, \$64) and a tie-front blouse (right, \$54).

Simply Very Wonderful

Vera Wang's new Kohl's line is the designer's latest hit

Few designers are as prolific as Vera Wang.

Working as an editor and stylist at Vogue for 16 years before moving to Polo Ralph Lauren Corp. as a design director, she later built one of the world's best-known bridal businesses. She's now branched out to other apparel: Her high-end collection this fall features \$1,700 military-style jackets and \$2,800 gowns; her mid-price Lavender Label runs from \$350 skirts and pants to \$900 dresses. Her licensing operations range from eyewear to china. All told, her privately held empire generated at least \$225 million in wholesale sales last year.

Now, Wang, 58, has designed a line of dresses starting at \$68 and

handbags starting at \$49 for discount chain Kohl's Corp, bearing the name Simply Vera Wang.

The cheap-chic apparel, accessories and home goods were quickly snapped up when they arrived at more than 800 Kohl's stores on Sept. 9, disproving those who said the line will weaken Wang's image. (Don't fret: More drops will continue through early October.)

The Chinese-American designer recently took a break from her busy schedule to discuss the new line.

What's on your mind as you launch this Kohl's line?

I have never gone this path, so it is a big job for me. I don't consider it a jump down; I consider it a jump across to a much bigger world. Being able to dress so many more women, to me, as a designer, is a privilege. Sure, I love the new

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collection [runway] show. There is nothing like it. But if I can't see my work on more people, what did that mean ultimately for me as a designer? Fashion is also about being able to reach more women. Isn't that the ultimate goal? Are you dressing 20 people in the world? Or are you dressing the world? I would argue that both are possible.

What sort of woman do you have in mind when you are designing your high-end collection and your Kohl's collection?

It is always the same woman. It is a woman who is quite confident and independent and also loves a bit of art, some unique detail, an element of surprise, even if it is a twist of a sleeve.

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VERA WANG, DESIGNER

Which items in your new Kohl's line are your favorites?

There is a T-shirt dress that I like in black jersey. In the front there is this panel, I could have done it in 20 colors. You put the little belt on it or not, depending on whether it is a fat day or a skinny day. It has an urban look. The other piece is my short-sleeve coat. It has enough architecture to make it special. I love the fact that you can dress it up or down. You can be my daughters (ages 13 and 17) in it, or me in it. One night, the three of us walked out, all wearing it, going out to dinner. My youngest wore it over a pair of jeans. My older wore it over a dress. I wore it over my ubiquitous leggings with a great top. That said it all to me. VANESSA O'CONNELL (THE WALL STREET JOURNAL)

Tech



See Right Through It

INVISIBLE SHIELD (\$10 to \$25, Shield zone.com), a new type of scratch-protection film for gadgets that promises to be super-tough, was hard to test. As we didn't want to throw an iPhone in a rock tumbler, we can't speak to the durability. We covered our camera's view screen, a minor task compared to the complex iPod shielding process. Applying the plastic sheet was nerve-wracking, fraught with the frantic smoothing of air bubbles and anxiety over whether it was on straight. After the 24-hour setting process, though, we could hardly tell it was there. HOLLY J. MORRIS (EXPRESS)

Beauty



Fun-Loving Gal

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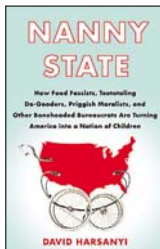
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BAGGAGE CHECK

Poor Little Rich Girls

According to a recent Queens College analysis, for the first time ever, 20-something women in major U.S. cities are cashing bigger paychecks than their male counterparts. Dr. Andrea Bonior examines how this role reversal might affect couples. | COMING UP



ENTERTAINMENT

The Children's Place

David Harsanyi takes a trip into the paternalistic new world in his book "Nanny State: How Food Fascists, Teetotaling Do-Gooders, Priggish Moralists and Other Boneheaded Bureaucrats Are Turning America Into a Nation of Children." Express' Arion Berger got an earful. | COMING UP

comment board

“There are numerous nations that have gotten rid of [capital punishment], and all people deserve to have their human rights protected, despite their criminal record.”

COMMENTER JOHN, WHO ADDED, “IF WE WANT TO BE TOUGH ON CRIME, WE CAN DO SO WITHOUT DESTROYING HUMAN LIFE.”

“Men, women and children are brutally raped and violently murdered, and the people who do this are just put to sleep?”

COMMENTER R.NADAL, WHO ADDED, “IF THE DRUGS DON'T WORK AND THEY GO INTO EXCRUCIATING PAIN BEFORE THEY DIE, THEN THAT IS WHAT THEY DESERVE.”



“I believe that if you are a murderer, rapist, child molester, or any other sort of sick deviant criminal, you are no longer [the] sort of creature who deserves humane treatment.”

AN ANONYMOUS COMMENTER, RESPONDING TO WEDNESDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, “DO YOU THINK EXECUTION BY LETHAL INJECTION IS CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT?”

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NO 26%

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Discussions

Myanmar Protest

TOM MALINOWSKI, advocacy director of Human Rights Watch, was online Wednesday to discuss the turmoil in Myanmar between protesting Buddhist monks and the government.

Is the situation there still volatile? Are they still arresting people and shooting guns?

It's now the middle of the night there [11 hours ahead], so things are quiet. But during the day that just ended, there was at least some shooting at demonstrators and there may well be more tomorrow if and when people come out on the streets again.

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What are the main demands of the protesters?

The monks have demanded that the government apologize for using violence against them, that it release all political prisoners and enter [into] a dialogue with the opposition. It's important to note that they are not, thus far, demanding that the government step down.

China is concerned about Myanmar officials cracking down violently on the protesters and is presumably taking steps behind the scenes to pressure them against doing so. But is China also concerned about a successful revolution that would create a functional democracy in Myanmar, perhaps giving impetus to another Chinese democracy movement?

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That's exactly China's dilemma. They are not likely to support a democratic transition for the sake of promoting democracy. But they also don't want instability on their border. They don't want their own image to suffer from being associated with another massacre like Tiananmen on the eve of the Beijing Olympics.

TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS:

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GET READY FOR A NEW MUSIC VENUE, COLLEGE PARK. The long-standing Alexandria concert stop the Birchmere plans to open a College Park site in 2011, according to WTOP, as part of a major redevelopment project between the University of Maryland and the developers of downtown Silver Spring.

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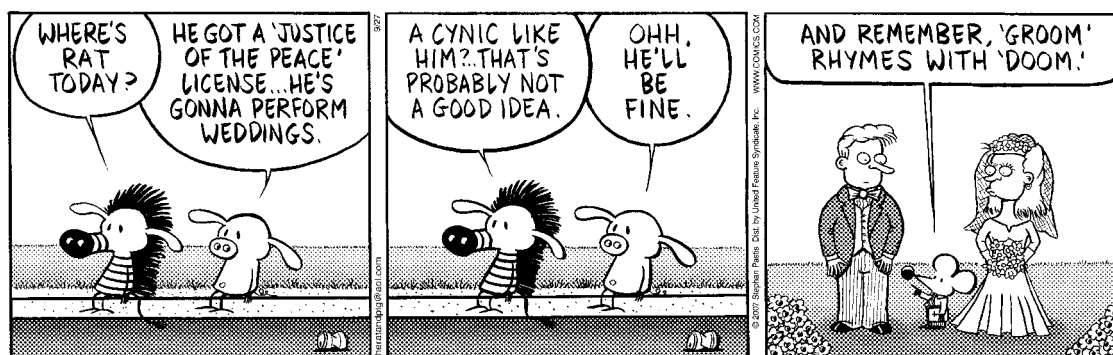


"I can't remember everything I said before. Besides, doesn't a woman have the right to change her testimony?"

Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan



Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis



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Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) It will be up to you to see that a number of people you know well do not sink into moods that foster negative attitudes. Keep things bright.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Let someone else stand in for a third party who is missing. You have enough to contend with, without taking on more responsibility.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Once you begin singing your own praises, you're likely to start losing support from those who have appreciated the down-to-earth, low-key you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You can capitalize on someone else's errors without so much as a disparaging glance in his or her direction. Be tactful.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You can prove that you feel more than someone thinks by letting your behavior reflect the truth in your own heart. Don't censor yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Don't feel that

you can't hang on to someone else to help see you through a difficult time. Both of you are actually helping each other.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Take care you do not confuse the application of creative energy with random aggression. Such confrontational behavior is no good.

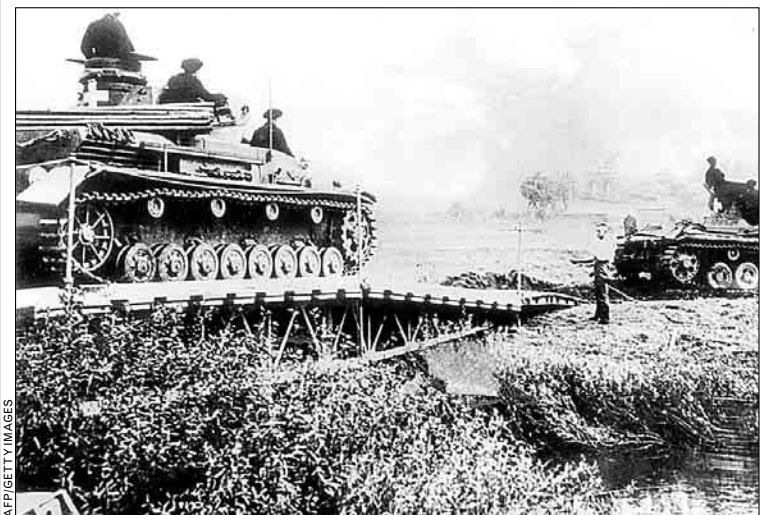
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may be pursuing a dream that is proving more and more difficult by the day. Don't give up. One minor adjustment can bring success.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may be stuck between the proverbial rock and a hard place, as you are tempted to lie low but have reasons to show off a little.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You are loyal and dependable — and this will surely be important to those who are looking to include you in an important project. Don't let them down.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Enthusiasm does not qualify as experience, so take care you don't find yourself in over your head. Give yourself a chance to learn the rules.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) How are you supposed to know what to do until you receive instructions from those in charge? There's no need to jump the gun.



Weeks after German tanks crossed the Polish border in 1939, Warsaw surrendered.

Today in History

1825 The first locomotive to haul a passenger train is operated by George Stephenson in England.

1854 The first great disaster involving an Atlantic Ocean liner occurs when the steamship Arctic sinks with 300 people aboard.

1939 Warsaw, Poland, surrenders after weeks of resistance to invading forces from Nazi

Germany and the Soviet Union during World War II.

1964 The government publicly releases the report of the Warren Commission, which found that Lee Harvey Oswald had acted alone in assassinating President Kennedy.

Correction:

Tuesday's "Today in History" incorrectly stated that Sandra Day O'Connor was sworn in as a Supreme Court justice in 1980. She was sworn in in 1981.

LOOK out

People



"Geez, Marc, I wish you'd get veneers."

ATTACKS Schoolchildren Maul J.Lo, Smear Makeup, Muss Hair

JENNIFER LOPEZ and **MARC ANTHONY** made an emotional visit to a Bronx elementary school just blocks from where the actress-singer grew up. "That was so ... oh, my God, what did you do to me? Look at my makeup!" said a teary Lopez after hundreds of schoolchildren greeted the couple with cheers, broad smiles, flowers and artwork Tuesday. (AP)



VICTIMLESS INSULTS

Babies Don't Care

SARAH SILVERMAN is still taking heat for her Britney Spears jokes at the MTV Video Music Awards. "The joke that everyone was upset about — calling the kids 'adorable mistakes' — was the most innocuous," she tells *US Weekly*. (AP)

ART Elton's Pink Gaze Sears The Souls of Naysayers

ELTON JOHN said Wednesday that he owns a photo of two naked girls taken by award-winning photographer Nan Goldin that was seized by police at a British gallery over concerns it amounted to child pornography. John confirmed ownership of "Klara and Edda Belly-Dancing" in a state-



The glasses aren't pink. His heat-vision beams are.

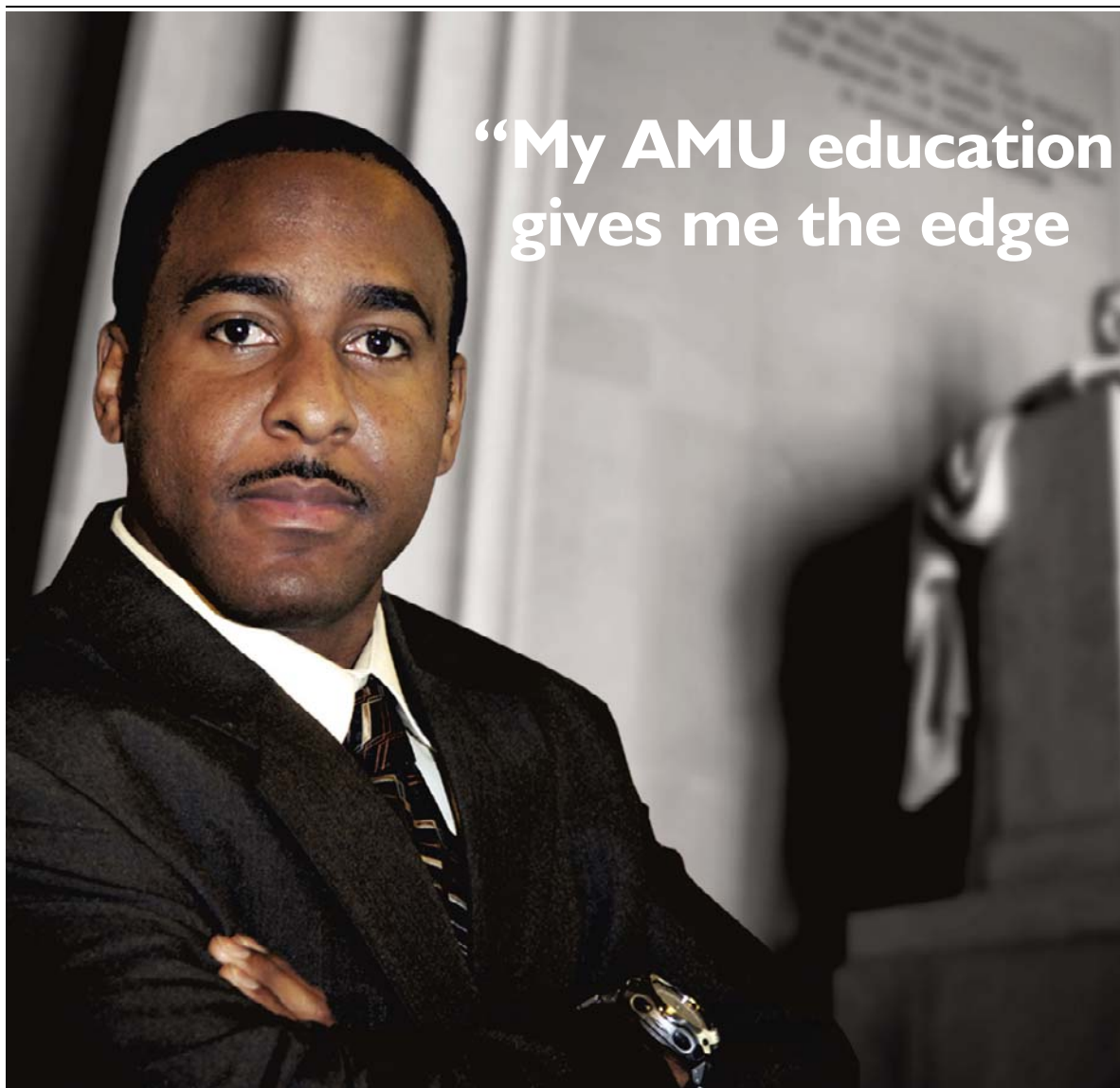
ment on his Web site. He said it is among 149 images comprising Goldin's "Thanksgiving" installation. Northumbria police said the photo was taken from the BALTIC Center for Contemporary Art in Gateshead to "assess whether or not an offense had been committed." (AP)

SCOURGES State Dept. Issues Warning To All Rwandan Travelers

PARIS HILTON plans to visit Rwanda as part of her post-jail commitment to use her celebrity status to bring attention to social causes. "I'll be going in November, after I get back from filming my movie," she told *E! Online*. "There's so much need



in that area, and I feel like if I go, it will bring more attention to what people can do to help," Hilton says. "I want to visit more countries where poverty and children's issues are a big concern," she says. (AP)



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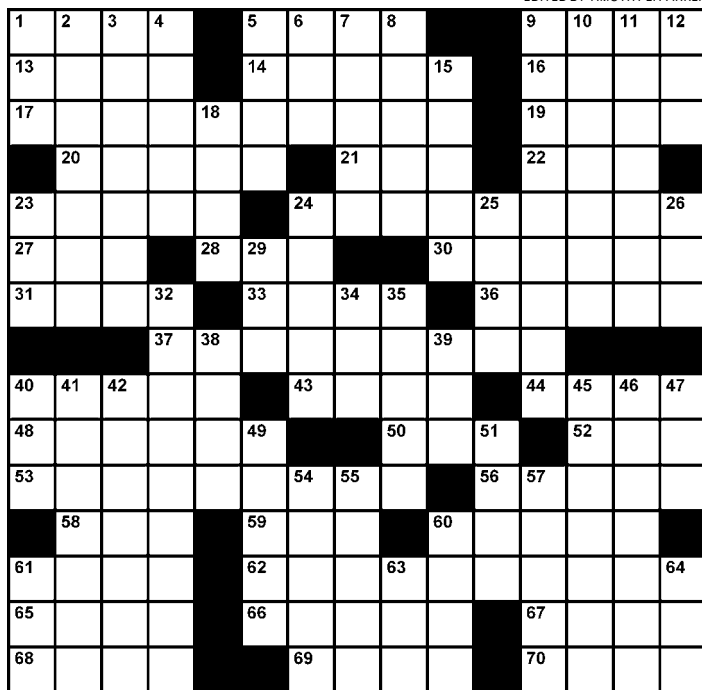
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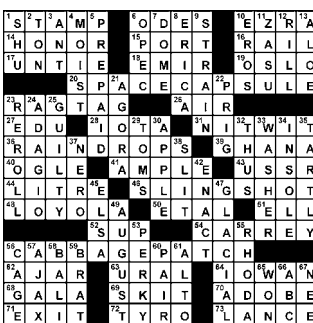


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Yesterday's Solution



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Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. See www.sudoku.com for solution, tips and computer program.

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Yesterday's Solution

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NAME: Marin Alsop
GIG: Music director of the
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ALSOP FIRST made her mark with exciting, deeply felt readings of works by American composers like Samuel Barber, Michael Torke and her mentor, Leonard Bernstein. As her cycle of Johannes Brahms' symphonies for Naxos recordings shows, she also has a sure touch in older European repertoire. She's won both the "Artist of the Year" award from the British classical music mag Gramophone (in 2003) and a MacArthur "Genius" Grant (in 2005). On Thursday night, the first female director of a major American orchestra will lead her first BSO concert as music director at the Music Center at Strathmore.

Many of the programs in your first season mix really popular works, like each of the nine Beethoven

symphonies, with newer works.

The Baltimore Symphony's never done a complete Beethoven cycle in one season, so there's a newness to that. By pairing all the Beethoven symphonies with contemporary works, four or five of them conducted by the living composers [who wrote the contemporary works], the idea is to give people a new perspective on something they're familiar with.

What's behind your commitment to contemporary music?

I've always been able to relate to certain contemporary music as music of my time and generation. I've just always been drawn to it — I don't think more so than the standard repertoire, the Brahms symphonies, but the opportunities existed to record that [contemporary] repertoire, whereas who really needs another Beethoven symphony cycle on record?



GRANT LEIGHTON

CLASSICAL GAS: Alsop's new program includes both John Adams and Mahler.

Are you planning to discuss the newer music from the podium?
 Definitely. And I'm encouraging the guest conductors and the guest composers who will be conducting to do a little talking as well.

How did you choose the pairing of John Adams' "Fearful Symmetries" with Gustav Mahler's Fifth Sym-

phony for your opening concert?

I wanted to do the Mahler because it's a big journey piece, from the opening idea of this fate through to the triumphant end, and I thought it might be a nice metaphor for what I'm hoping for during my tenure with the BSO, a real journey together. And I wanted to feature something by John Adams

"I've always been able to relate to certain contemporary music as music of my time and generation."

because he was available to be in residence with us.

Mahler uses so much popular music in his works — klezmer, military fanfares, funeral marches, the Ländler [folk dances], the waltz movement. The Adams piece is kind of like a techno-pop big band piece. I think Mahler would approve. **ANDREW LINDEMANN MALONE**

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STAGE | Just in time for Halloween, Synetic Theater presents a surreal adaptation of Poe's exceedingly creepy short story "The Fall of the House of Usher." Directed by Paata Tsikurishvili, the show runs through Oct. 31 at Rosslyn Spectrum.

The play begins with movement, as Roderick Usher (Greg Marzullo) crouches on the stage, writhing (there's a lot of writhing) as he suffers from what appears to be a nervous breakdown. His childhood friend Edgar (Theodore M. Snead) receives by letter a plea to visit the Usher house, in the hopes that a familiar, friendly face will help abate Roderick's onset of madness.



LAST OF THE LINE: The doomed Usher clan battles madness and a writhing house.

Edgar arrives at the house, which Roderick shares with his twin sister, Madeline (Irina Koval), who suffers from both catalepsy and too much brotherly love. The last of their insanity-plagued line, the

twins are held captive by the house, which Roderick claims is alive and sentient.

Tsikurishvili personifies the house by casting humans to represent its walls; Edgar's description

of the dwelling, "the after-dream of opium," is quite apt. Roderick's mental state deteriorates, especially as he sees Edgar and Madeline grow closer, by her design.

When Madeline appears to die, Roderick has her buried for two weeks in the family vault. Those familiar with the original work know how this works out.

Synetic sends its usual movement-based theater into overdrive — the "house" and the humans spend the majority of the play fighting for supremacy. Tsikurishvili needs no special effects to create the play's nightmarish images; he has his actors. ERIN TROMPETER

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THEATER MAJOR: The singer-songwriter, pianist and former stand-up comedian is known for her spunky, outspoken persona, high-energy shows and dark, snappy lyrics.

Nellie McKay is back — blonder, sharper and more eclectic

MUSIC | When looking at Nellie McKay, it's easy to think her million dollar smile serves to conceal her acid tongue.

Blonde and apple-cheeked, she has cultivated a following over the course of two albums thanks in part to her pointed sense of humor, outspoken politics and chatty live shows. The dichotomy between her traditional, piano-driven melodies and her often dark, caustic lyrics give listeners a fresh take on both.

The opening track to her new album, "Obligatory Villagers," features an icily delivered, sarcastic rant called "Mother of Pearl." "Feminists don't have a sense of humor," McKay coos over her piano and brushed drums. "Feminists just want to be alone/ Feminists spread vicious lies and rumors/ They have a tumor on their funny bone."

The former stand-up comic insists comedy and music can be a potent combination.

"A good stand-up act is like music as well, in that it needs to have a good rhythm and a sense of

Jazz Hands

timing," she said. "There are some frat boys in the audiences, occasionally, that go, 'Yeah, those feminists really should get a sense of humor!' You can't win them all."

McKay comes to the Birchmere on Thursday to promote "Villagers," her third album. The venue has become her regular stopping point in the D.C. area. When asked why she keeps coming back to the Alexandria concert hall, she denied making a concerted effort to do the same thing over and over.

"I try not to make an effort at anything," she noted dryly.

McKay's facetiousness is easy to see past, especially given the complexity and theatricality of the new record. McKay's music has always been a throwback to foregone eras,

"A good stand-up act is like music as well, in that it needs to have a good rhythm and a sense of timing."

but "Villagers" departs even further from modern pop conventions and treads on the territory of musical theater, Tin Pan Alley and old-fashioned jazz.

The album, which McKay wrote, orchestrated and produced, features appearances by a variety of prestigious guests including vocalist Nancy Reed, pianist Eric Doney,

alto saxophonist Phil Woods as well Bob Dorough, a venerable jazz singer-pianist also known as the musical director of TV's "Schoolhouse Rock" segments.

McKay described the musicians as "incredible" and added that they elevated all of the material she gave them. "I think the intimidation was part of the excitement," she said.

Numbering nine songs and clocking in at a little over 30 minutes, "Villagers" is McKay's shortest album by far — her first two albums, "Get Away From Me" and "Pretty Little Head," were both double albums. In fact, she says the album was going to be even shorter, but she recorded a few extra songs at her record label's behest.

Due, perhaps, in part to its brevity, "Obligatory Villagers" is McKay's most consistent and unified effort to date. When complimented on the album's cohesiveness, McKay modestly expressed surprise.

"I probably intended it to be more unified than it turned out, so I'm glad you think it's all one piece," she said. **DAN MILLER**

→ *The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria; with Carsie Blanton, Thu., 7:30 p.m., \$25; 800-551-7328.*

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Animal Attraction

'Laika' tells the story of a four-legged pawn of Cold War politics

PAGES | Let's face it, when it comes to communist Russia, information is lacking. The fall of the Soviet Union, however, has led to some startling revisions in history.

Cartoonist Nick Abadzis came across some of that new information in 2002 and turned it into his graphic novel, "Laika."

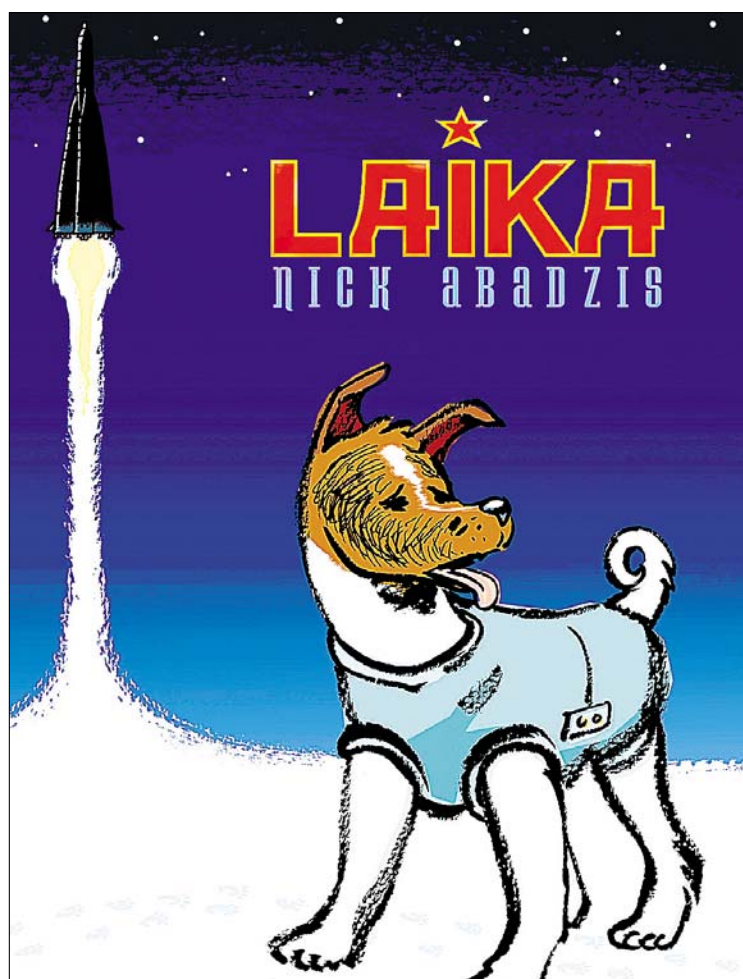
For those uninitiated with Soviet cosmonaut history, Laika was the first earthling in orbit, reaching space in Sputnik 2 on Nov. 3, 1957. And she was a dog. Laika paved the way for manned space flight, the next being fellow cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin, the first human in orbit.

The artist, who will be speaking at the National Air and Space Museum on Saturday, tells the legend of Laika. Abadzis mixes fact with fiction, re-creating the mongrel stray's life as she's trained and rocketed into the final frontier, while diving into the relationships among the scientists and the politics of the Russian space program.

While Abadzis was taken by the story as a child, his interest was renewed as an adult.

"Some new information came to light," he said. "This was interesting simply because the Russians admitted basically that Laika had died just a few hours into the mission from overheating and stress, and that was really the spark that set the ball rolling."

For a work of this scope, gather-



GOOD DOG: "Laika" gives the first dog in space her due and provides a chilling analysis of an obedient creature caught in a superpower's propaganda machine.

ing facts was both essential and difficult. Abadzis found little information about Laika, and much of what he did find hadn't been translated. With the assistance of a kind librarian, the cartoonist dug through the British Library and culled "a few choice morsels" from some of the more authoritative books on the Soviet space program. He even visited Moscow to capture the cold, stoic character of the city.

The research also helped him capture the even temperament of the animal, whose obedience allowed the scientists to put her through some very extreme training.

"In those days, they didn't know what kind of pressures either animal or men could withstand," Abadzis said. "They just didn't know; it was all experimental, all theorized."

Abadzis chose to not sentimentalize the story, though he points out that there's no getting away from its chilling lesson: "This little dog was sent up there for a piece of propaganda. ... Tragic, but there you go."

SCOTT A. ROSENBERG (EXPRESS)

→ *Air and Space Museum, Independence Avenue & 6th Street SW; Sat., 12:45 & 2:30 p.m., free; 202-633-1000.*

Snapping Up Stray Czar Power

'A Quest for Fabulous' extends the imperial legacy of Hillwood

MUSEUM | Cereal heiress Marjorie Merriweather Post moved into Hillwood knowing it would become a museum. Formerly married to the U.S. ambassador to the Soviet Union, she chose the house for offering quiet seclusion within minutes of the social whirl of Embassy Row and for being a perfect showcase for an expanding collection centered on pre-Revolutionary Russian and 18th-century French decorative arts.

Post died in 1973, and Hillwood opened to the public a few years later. The museum has not been frozen, though. "A Quest for Fabulous: Thirty Years of Collecting, 1977-2007" chronicles the judicious augmentation of Post's holdings by well-schooled curators possessed



A Cartier frame with miniature of Post; a 19-century rose crystal quartz basket.



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of a keen eye and a quick finger on the mouse.

The exhibition is, of course, about fine objects — a malachite-veneered mantel clock, a double-walled Sèvres creamer, a gold-rimmed double-walled beaker

containing a miniature riverscape fashioned from materials as humble as moss, straw and lichen — but it is also about fine stories.

Auction stories in particular. Knowing your field truly pays off when a choice piece is put on the

block by an unwitting owner. Surfing auctions on her lunch hour, Liana Paredes snapped up a "Victorian Glass" goblet that was, in fact, crafted by Alsace-Lorraine's Daum Frères to commemorate a Franco-Russian defense pact. Yelena Harbick rescued Stepan Borisovich Kurakin from misidentification as a Briton; the prince's Order of St. Ann insignia had been overlooked by a North Carolina auction house.

Although the bulk of the show is inside the colorful dacha erected on the estate's grounds, larger pieces are in the house, where they mesh well with the rest of the museum, an oasis of comfort, intimacy and calm that often goes underappreciated in a city ever on display.

GLENN DIXON

→ *Hillwood Estate, Museum and Gardens, 4155 Linnean Ave. NW; through Dec. 30; \$5-\$12; 202-686-5807. (Van Ness-UDC)*

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Spirits of the Forest

Finland's wilds spill their musical secrets to Sinikka Langeland

MUSIC | Finnskogen is filled with secrets. The "Forest of the Finns," in southeastern Norway, is also the birthplace of Sinikka Langeland, a singer and kantele player — the plucked-string device in the zither family that's the national instrument of Finland. And the mystical music she makes on the modern version of the kantele — all 39 strings and five octaves of it — evokes the old spirits of Finnskogen like a forest sprite called forth by a shaman.

Influenced by experimental jazz and ancient rune songs, Langeland said she developed her own style on the instrument because she grew up in Norway, away from kantele traditions. "Because I worked with these folk styles, this music is inside

me," she said. "But the way I play is quite free and modern."

For her ECM label debut, the gorgeous "Starflowers," Langeland set the verse of Finnskogen "lumberjack-poet" Hans Børli (1918-89) to song in a meditative journey that focuses on the relationship between man and nature.

Several of Børli's painterly poems are translated to English in the CD booklet, but, Langeland said, "It's a difficult flavor to get in translation. He has this connection to this old way of thinking about nature — that it exists in everything. It's shamanism in a way, but he's more influenced by modern ways of thinking and modern philosophies. ... He was working in the forest; he was living in the forest. ... And he thought about how we're connected with nature — or if nature is just doing what it likes."

"Starflowers" is a spiritual affair, but unlike the cultures of



NORWEGIAN WOOD: Langeland plays a modern kantele, a zither-like instrument.

continental Europe, Nordic people don't have a problem celebrating equally their pagan past and Christian present.

"We're still very close to nature, so we need to have it," Langeland said. "And I know many people here say, 'I do not go so much to church, but on Sunday I really want to go walk in the forest. The forest is a kind of cathedral to me.' ...

“Because I worked with these folk styles, this music is inside me. But the way I play is quite free and modern.”

SINIKKA LANGELAND, KANTELE PLAYER

Of course, we have our Christian culture, but we really feel like we can go outside and have church in the nature." **CHRISTOPHER PORTER (EXPRESS)**

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Megadeth's New Life

Dave Mustaine is the hardest wildebeest in the hard-rock jungle

MUSIC | Adversity is nothing new to Dave Mustaine. The Megadeth guitarist and vocalist has dealt with everything from substance abuse to banned songs, from fallings-out with former bandmates due to a nerve injury that temporarily brought about his retirement from music.

But 22 years into Megadeth's career, Mustaine claims he has a more balanced life than ever before. "As my life changed, I look at things differently now," explained Mustaine. "Am I a pussy now? By no means. There are still things I see that make me angry."

Fans worried that Mustaine's improved family and spiritual life would translate into a less furious-sounding Megadeth need look no further than the band's



FULL METAL JACKET: Metal gods Megadeth look sharp and come on strong.

latest release, "United Abominations," to be silenced. The album contains tracks such as the thrashy "Sleepwalker" and the scathing title track, which lashes out at the United Nations. The album also contains an

update of "A Tout le Monde," with a faster tempo and backing vocals from Lacuna Coil's Christina Scabbia. The original 1994 recording of the song was banned from MTV and radio after it was tagged as

pro-suicide.

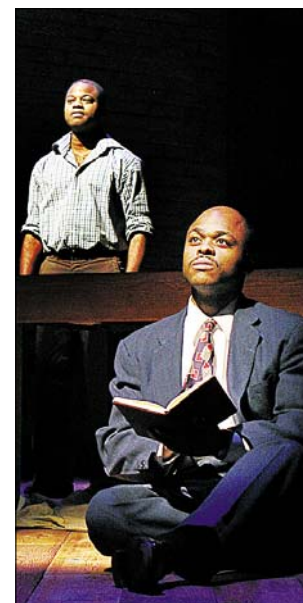
Mustaine didn't allow it to get the best of him. "Where do I fit in in the music business? Am I in charge of it? No. Am I at the bottom of the heap? No," he said.

"It's harder to fall off the roof of a house if you stay in the center of the roof. Kind of like in the Serengeti Desert, too. ... You've got a pack of wildebeests and the one that walks away from the herd over toward the tall grass is the dumb-ass that gets pounced on by the lion. There's a couple of healthy reminders why I need to stay in the center of the roof." Or, uh, in the short grass.

Mustaine put a lot of thought into Megadeth's "Tour of Duty," which makes a stop at the 9:30 Club on Sunday night. "[Choosing the set list]'s kind of like, you've got a boat with a hundred children and you can only take 25 of them," Mustaine said with a laugh. "OK, do any of you kids owe me money? ... I'm kidding." **GREGORY RE**

→ **9:30 Club 815 V St. NW; with In This Moment, the Confession, Sun., 7 p.m., \$40; 703-218-6500, tickets.com. (U St.-Cardozo)**

STAGE | LAST WORDS



TEACHING TO LIVE: In Romulus Linney's "A Lesson Before Dying," death, dignity and race relations are explored in the moving tale of the dialogue between an earnest schoolteacher and a death row inmate in 1940s Louisiana. The play is at Round House Theater in Bethesda through Oct. 14.

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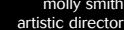
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WHEN THE SHARKEY BITES ... : Jonathon "The Impaler" Sharkey is running for president. Only, as they say, in America.

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A documentary on a man with a stake in America's future

FILM | Listen up, Americans! Soon, you will shoulder the responsibility of voting for the next president of the United States. Will it be the Mormon guy, the actor guy, the hair guy, the girl guy, the Satanist vampire guy ... what? Oh, yes. Jonathon "The Impaler" Sharkey is the first Satanist vampire presidential candidate in American history, and if you think you're fascinated, meet W. Tray White, who grabbed a camera, scraped up a crew and made "Impaler," a strange, funny and moving documentary about the Democrat from Minnesota with a taste for blood. At Friday's 5:30 p.m. screening of the film at Hoff Theater at the University of Maryland, White will be on hand along with executive director Mark Rosen and Sharkey himself.

How did you get started?

Well, it came to me through a quote

that I saw on the Internet. It said, "Unlike most politicians, I will not hide my evil side." And I thought it was funny, so I called Jonathon. I didn't know why I was calling him — I wasn't sure if I was gonna prank-call him or what — but he was a nice guy and it kind of blew up.

“There are tons of, quote, ‘vampires’ out there who... don’t want him representing the vampire community.”

How much access did you have?

One-hundred percent. That doesn't mean he was totally honest with me all the time.

How does this film benefit him?

Man, it's so hard, because ... he understands that, in his mind, any attention is good attention. He does come from a professional wrestling background — he was what was called a "heel." So he's used to getting booed and such; he feeds off it, he thrives off it. And there are tons

of, quote, "vampires" out there who despise him and don't want him representing the vampire community. Or the Satanist community.

I'm sorry for laughing.

I was cursed on the Internet; vampires and pagans and Satanists put a mass curse on me for making this movie. It's awesome. But on the flip side, there are a lot of supporters.

But ... does he understand that he's not going to become president?

He understands that in certain states, to get on the ballot — like with Minnesota, I think you only had to pay \$350. There is no petition to enter the race in Minnesota. ... He's the first Satanist vampire that ever tried to run for office. As much as I want to mock the media for that, that's the story.

Do you think he really believes he's a vampire?

Yes, I do. ARION BERGER (EXPRESS)

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King of Her Own Nation

Emily King became a pop-R&B breakout artist on her terms

MUSIC | Emily King had strong ideas about what kind of singer she wanted to be. She held onto her artistic ideals in the three-year process of making her remarkable debut, "East Side Story." Even though J Records paired her with A-list songwriters such as Sean Garrett, Raphael Saadiq and Ne-Yo, she eventually scrapped those collaborative efforts to make way for her own, more personal songs.

"It never felt right collaborating with some of these people," King explains, "I didn't want to follow the formula that record labels put artists through like setting us up with the hot songwriters of the day."

As fans will hear at King's Friday night Black Cat show — a special appearance tagged to the MN8's tribute to Prince featuring Deborah Bond, Eric Roberson and others — the songs on "East Side Story" have plenty of pop-R&B pop appeal. Executive producers Peter Edge and Carl Thompson craft hip-hop-laden soundscapes that underscore King's guitar-driv-



King has nerve as well as chops — one song even attacks the music industry.

en melodies. "Walk in My Shoes," the catchy lead single, effectively extrapolates Diana Ross' disco hit "Love Hangover." Elsewhere, the disc highlights King's penchant for scripting socially conscious verses, as on the mid-tempo "Colorblind," which touches upon her experience growing up biracial, and the somber "Business Man," which challenges the entertainment industry.

That last move is an admirable one, but ironic considering she's signed to a label spearheaded by Clive Davis, the Industry epitome of The Man. "I know, it's a little hypocritical," she laughs. "But that was one of the songs I sang in Clive's office when I got my deal. I was only 16 when I wrote it." JOHN MURPH

→ *Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; Fri., 9 p.m., \$17; 202-667-7960. (U St.-Cardozo)*

LIVE INDIE ROCK | BEASTIE BOYS



CLAW DADDIES: Baltimore indie darlings the Animal Collective play a late show Friday at the 9:30 Club. Even the foursome's rabid and forgiving fans will be in for an interesting night as they experience the screams, snaps, soundscapes and even pop melodies of these shiftier experimentors.

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It's All 'Well' & Good

Lisa Kron diagnoses her mother in both sickness and health

STAGE | Make no mistake: Lisa Kron's "Well" is not about her relationship with her mother. It is a "theatrical exploration of a universal experience," her stage representation (Emily Ackerman) repeatedly assures the audience.

Except, of course, that the play is totally about Lisa's mother, Ann (Nancy Robinette) and the daughter's struggle to cope with Mom's years of inactivity due to a mysterious and possibly psychosomatic illness. The production, currently filling Arena Stage's Fichandler Arena, is "like a solo show with other people in it," as Lisa describes it.

Lisa sets out to examine the concepts of illness and wellness through the experiences of her and her mother, who suffers from "allergies," which are — according to Ann — "a highly underrated, sinister force." That force has rendered



FEELING BETTER: Nancy Robinette, third from left, plays Ann's troubled and troublesome mother in Lisa Kron's "Well."

Ann virtually recliner-ridden and threatened Lisa's own well-being in college, when Lisa was forced

to check into a high-profile allergy clinic.

As Lisa describes it, however,

Ann had bouts of vivacity, which spurred her to create a movement to integrate the family's Michigan

neighborhood. The neighborhood was sick, she said, and Ann made it well, using integrated social activities — such as costume parties and Fourth of July parades — as a cornerstone.

The dichotomy between illness and wellness lies at the heart of Kron's play. It's a messy issue, so Kron and director Kyle Donnelly

Ann's mother's "allergies" are — according to Ann — "a highly underrated, sinister force."

employ a chaotic structure to tell the story.

Lisa will just begin to tell a story when Ann interrupts to chastise her for not telling it right. A supporting cast plays multiple roles, often stepping out of character to bask in Ann's wisdom. And beware the bully from Lisa's past, who interrupts the action at the most inopportune times. **ERIN TROMPETER**

→ **Arena Stage, Fichandler Arena, 1101 6th St. SW; through Oct. 14, \$52-\$66; 202-488-3300. (Waterfront-SEU)**

An Adventure for One

Marsha Ambrosius isn't ready to put aside her solo plans

MUSIC | Once upon a microphone, a somewhat shy Marsha Ambrosius dreamed of solo success. Then some personal and industry obstacles derailed that dream.

"I was like, 'A solo career? Oh, no. That's not for me. ... Let me put all my focus on writing and production for other people,'" said Ambrosius.

While writing and producing, and also singing on the local circuit, she met spoken-word artist Natalie Stewart. That's how Ambrosius became the high-pitched half of soul- and R&B-laced duo Floetry.

"Floetry came about because we were cool. We weren't trying to put a group together; we were just



Ambrosius is used to being in the background, but her voice has other plans.

doing poetry gigs together. It so happened that we got a deal out of it when we came over to the States," she explained.

When Ambrosius and Stewart

went their separate ways, the dream this songbird wrote off — that of flying solo — became a reality. Ambrosius says there couldn't be a better time for it.

"[Producer Dr.] Dre approaching at the time he did was ideal for me, because it really was my next move," she said. "I would never have guessed he would approach me to do a solo project."

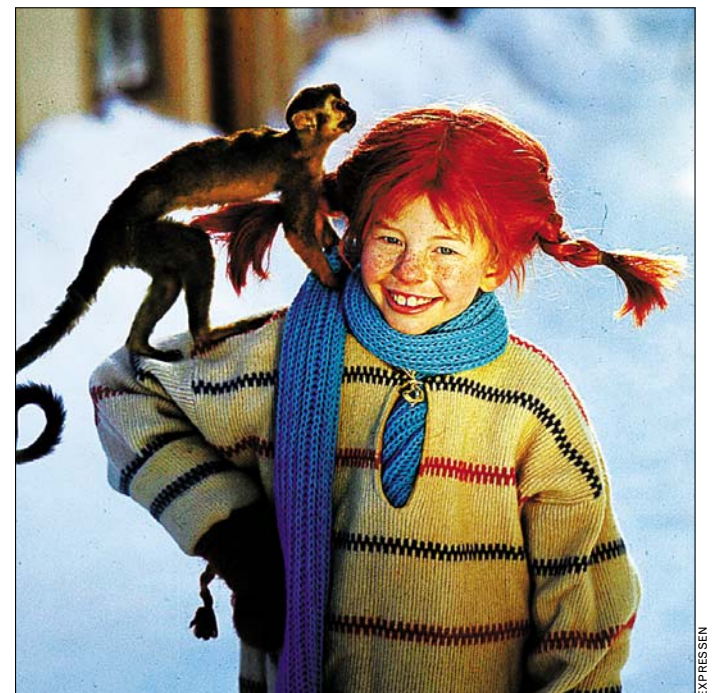
That solo venture hits streets early next year. Until then, the siren is touring with exclusive tracks courtesy of "[herself] and Dr. Dre." She's also putting her stamp on projects from Mario and Alicia Keys.

And if you must know: "[Floetry] just bottom line outgrew each other."

DARONA WILLIAMS (EXPRESS)

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Sound of The Wild

Rocker Eddie Vedder gives 'Into the Wild' its own musical voice

TRAILBLAZERS | Oscar winner Sean Penn and songwriter Eddie Vedder have been close friends for more than a decade. The two became acquainted when the Pearl Jam frontman wrote a few songs for the 1995 drama "Dead Man Walking."

So when Penn needed someone to write and record some songs for "Into the Wild," a drama he wrote and directed, he enlisted

Vedder's help.

"I'd written the script to be told in part through song," says Penn, seated next to his friend and collaborator. "I was about halfway through shooting and I started thinking, 'This is it — this is Eddie's voice.'"

Vedder wrote nine songs and recorded two others. (Penn also included compositions from Michael Brook and Kaki King.)

To prepare, Vedder read "Into the Wild," Jon Krakauer's nonfiction book about Chris McCandless, a 22-year-old college graduate who



WIDE-OPEN SPACES: Emile Hirsch stars as Chris McCandless in "Into the Wild," a new drama from Sean Penn, right.

embarked on a remarkable cross-country solo adventure of personal discovery in the early 1990s. He also watched Penn's rough cut of the film starring Emile Hirsch.

McCandless' adventure took him from his Georgia college to South Dakota, down the rapids of the Grand Canyon, to the Arizona and California desert and

finally to the wilds of Alaska. And Vedder's music, with its hypnotic melodies and uplifting lyrics, reflects McCandless' journey to understand himself and his place in the world.

While both Penn and Vedder are known for outspoken liberal political stances, Penn insists "Into the Wild" is not a political film.

When asked whether McCandless' ill-prepared trip to Alaska's unforgiving wilderness could be considered a metaphor for America's Middle East policy, Penn flashes a rare smile then shakes his head.

"No, I don't see that," he says. "Chris wasn't putting babies at risk. Intentions count for a lot." ANGELA DAWSON (ENTERTAINMENT NEWS WIRE)

Take 10

THE WASHINGTON POST'S FILM CRITICS TACKLE THIS WEEK'S BOX-OFFICE TOP 10

1 | Resident Evil: Extinction

Milla Jovovich is a video game heroine come to life for the third time. This movie was not screened.

2 | Good Luck Chuck

In this odd amalgam of cheesy romance and gross-out humor, Dane Cook plays an eternally frustrated boyfriend who feels cursed by a permanent love jinx. **DESSON THOMSON**

3 | The Brave One

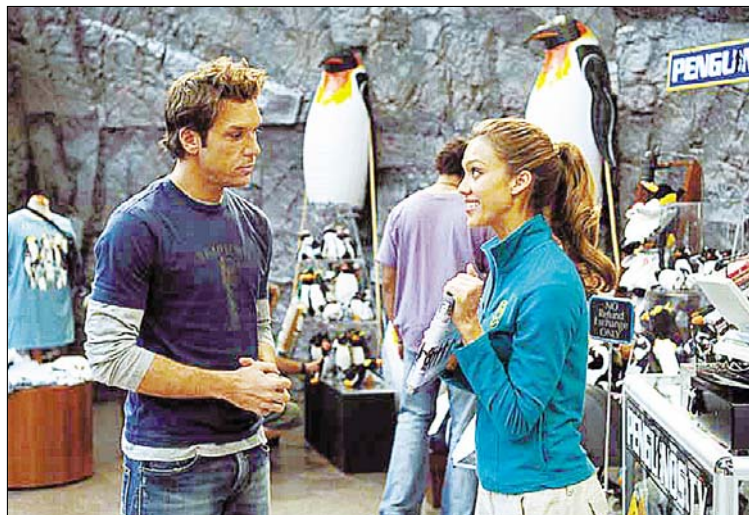
We all should hate this film that celebrates the assassin's cold rage and the primal power of revenge. But as a rabble-rouser, it's superbly effective. **STEPHEN HUNTER**

4 | 3:10 to Yuma

Based on a '50s Western, this remake starring Russell Crowe and Christian Bale adds 24 minutes and subtracts most of the suspense. **STEPHEN HUNTER**

5 | Eastern Promises

David Cronenberg's chilly character thriller has elements of murder mys-



CHUCK AMOK: "Good Luck Chuck" mixes crude japes with cheesy romance.

tery and gangster melodrama, but it's really a search for moral bearing in a dark and desperate world.

DESSON THOMSON

6 | Sydney White

A high school update of "Snow White" starring Amanda Bynes as a princess among "seven dorks." This film was not screened.

7 | Mr. Woodcock

Mild pleasures are available in this undistinguished comedy, thanks to the comic animosity between Billy Bob Thornton and Seann William Scott. **STEPHEN HUNTER**

8 | Superbad

This naughty teen comedy uses a light touch in the service of filthy sight gags, endless profanity and an obsession with bodily fluids. **ANN HORNADAY**

9 | The Bourne Ultimatum

The third installment of the action series is frenetic to the point of crazy while achieving a mark that barely exceeds mediocre. **STEPHEN HUNTER**

10 | Dragon Wars

A cheesy, utterly incomprehensible action fantasy about dragon creatures battling in modern times; FBI agents and the U.S. Army join in. **JANE HORWITZ**

Indies&Arties

Girls, Girls, Girls

The D.C. Anime Club celebrates shujo — girl anime — with a Saturday marathon of movies. The films are aimed at young women and feature themes such as romance, drama, adventure and really cute clothes. The daylong festivities include a trivia contest, prize giveaway and, of course, classic and contemporary shujo anime.

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Small Bites

Can't sit through another three-hour blockbuster? Adjust your attention span at the 10th Annual Manhattan Short Film Festival, which has the grace to be taking place not in the city of New York but in Arlington. The 12 finalists of this international competition are screened to audiences in Americas North, South and Central as well as Europe before the winner is announced on Sunday.

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Be Bar: "4her Ladies Night," R&B, hip-hop, house, reggaeton, 9 p.m., free.

Birchmere: Nellie McKay, Carsie Blanton, 7:30 p.m., \$25.

Black Cat: Magnolia Electric Co., Watson Twins, Drakkar Sauna, 8 p.m., \$13.

Blues Alley: Wallace Roney, 8 & 10 p.m., \$25.

Crossroads: "Jamaica Me Crazy Happy Hour," live reggae, ladies free before 11 p.m. with pass from crossroadsclub.com.

DC9: Swerve Syndicate: Dubstep Party in the City, 9 p.m., \$8.

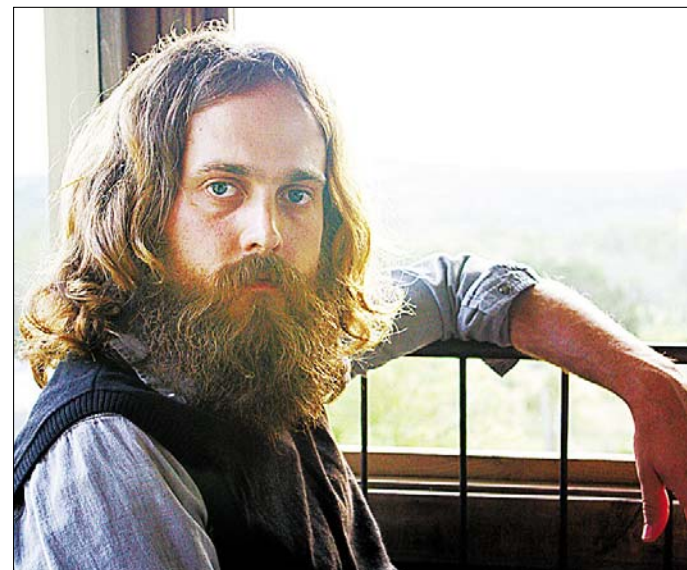
Iota: Boxcar Collision, Bain Mattox, 9 p.m., \$10.

Jammin' Java: Peter Case (CD release), Uncle Monk, 8 p.m., \$15 (\$12 in advance).

Kennedy Center: NSO Pops: "An Evening with Roberta Flack," 7 p.m., \$20-\$85. Washington National Opera, "La Boheme," 7:30 p.m., \$50-\$600.

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Strathmore: BSO: The Maestra Begins, 7:30 p.m., \$21-\$84.

The Red & the Black: Basshound, Drop Trio, 9:30 p.m., \$8.

Rock and Roll Hotel: + / - (plus minus), Moools, Dawn of Man, 8:30 p.m., \$10.

Twins Jazz: Mari Rosa, 8 p.m., \$10-\$30.
Velvet Lounge: Orion Experience, Kind Panda, 9 p.m., \$10.

→ FRIDAY

Apex: "Ultimate Dance Party," 9 p.m., \$9.

Bangkok Blues: Outta the Blue, 7 p.m. Melanie Mason, 9:30 p.m., \$5-\$10.

Be Bar: Rewind: Hits from the '80s and '90s, 9 p.m., \$5.

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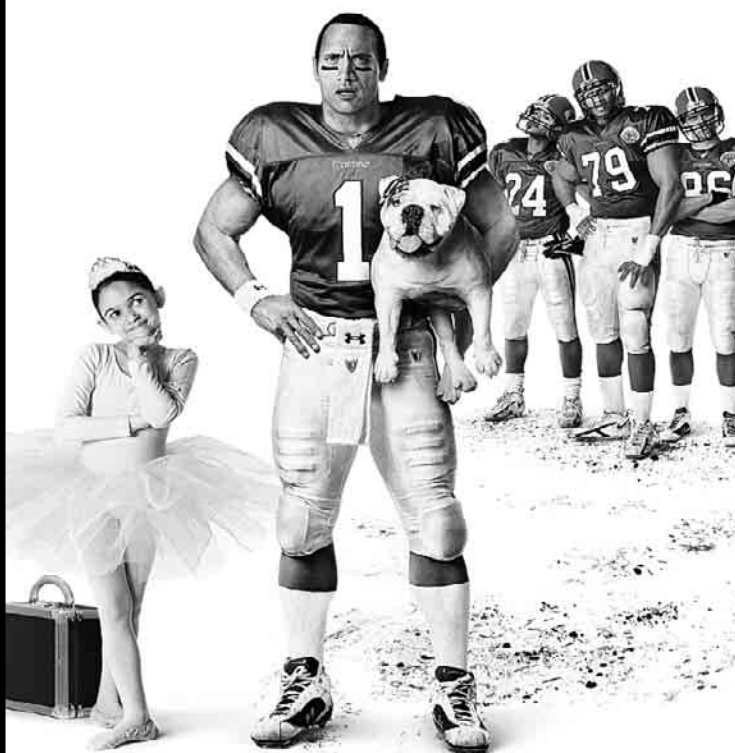
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Blues Alley: Wallace Roney, 8 & 10 p.m., \$25.

Constitution Hall: Blue October, Sum 41, Yellowcard, 7 p.m., \$35.

Crossroads: "Energy Saturday," ladies free before 11 p.m. with pass from crossroadsclub.com.

DC9: Nouveau Riche: DJs Gavin Holland, SteveLove, Enaisee, 9 p.m., \$8.

GMU Center for the Arts: Barbara Cook, 8 p.m., \$30-\$60.

Iota: Exit Clov, Winter Sounds, Jukebox the Ghost, 9:30 p.m., \$10.

Jammin' Java: The Dreamscapes Project (CD release), Struan Shields, 7 p.m., \$12 (\$10 in advance).

Jaxx: Madison Apart, Seven Percent Mind Usage, Divided We Fall, Absinthe, Death Arising, the Automatics, Convalescence, 2:15 p.m., \$12 (\$10 in advance).

Kennedy Center: Washington National Opera, "La Boheme," 7 p.m., \$50-\$600. NSO Pops: "An Evening with Roberta Flack," 8 p.m., sold out. Allan Harris, "Long Live the King: A Tribute to Nat King Cole," 7:30 & 9:30 p.m., sold out.

Love: DJs Bomba, Heat, Hostility and Soundtrax, 9 p.m., \$20.

9:30 Club: Iron & Wine, 6 p.m., sold out. VHI Hip Hop Honors Tour: The Roots, Big Daddy Kane, MC Lyte, 11 p.m., sold out.

The Red & the Black: Stella Schindler, Frances, the Chaos of Birds, 9:30 p.m., \$8.

Rock and Roll Hotel: Thurston Moore, Christina Carter, 9:30 p.m., \$15.

State Theatre: Bob, Everyone But Pete, Sematic, 3StarKarma, DJ Redemption, 9 p.m., \$11.

Strathmore: National Philharmonic: Bach Double Bach, 8 p.m., sold out.

Velvet Lounge: Woolly Mammoth, the Brought Low, the New Flesh, 9 p.m., \$10.

Zanzibar: Reggae on the Waterfront, International Dance Party, 9 p.m., \$20.

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Bangkok Blues: Blues Jam with Louis Coppola Band, 7:30 p.m., \$5-\$10.

Be Bar: "Be: park," hip-hop, R&B, 9 p.m., \$5.

Birchmere: Steve Vai, Jack Wiesinger, 7:30 p.m., \$40.

Black Cat: John Bustine (Album Release), Brandon Butler, Vandaveer, 9 p.m., \$8 (backstage).

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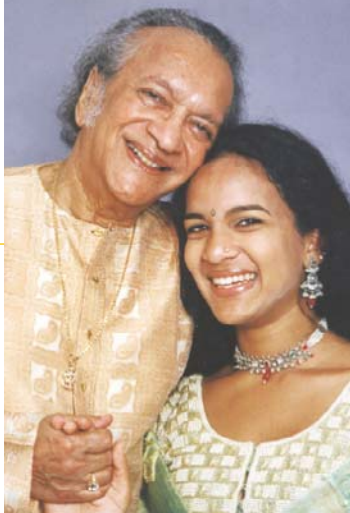
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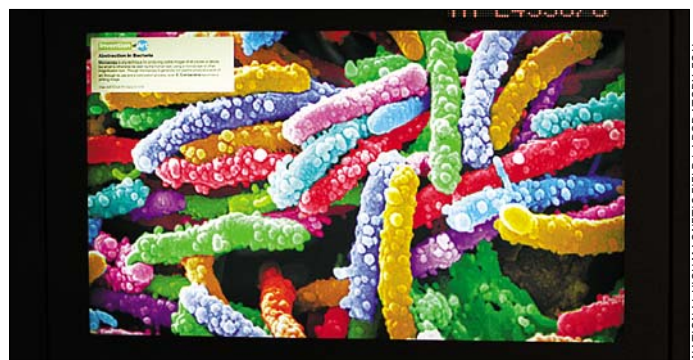
Jaxx: New Atlantic, Liam and Me, Holiday Parade, Between the Trees, Split World Collision, Suburban Riot, 4:45 p.m., \$12 (\$10 in advance).

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Carter, through Jan. 20. 902 Wythe St., Alexandria; 703-838-4356, alexblackhistory.org.

American Art Museum and National Portrait Gallery: "The Prints of Sean Scully," a selection of 55 of the artist's block-motif works acquired by the museum in 2001, through Oct. 8. "Earl Cunningham's America," 50 selected paintings of Cunningham's 400 folk modern pieces, through Nov. 4. "Portraits of Sandra Day O'Connor," through Oct. 8. "Portraiture Now: Framing Memory," portraits of iconic figures, including Martin Luther King Jr., Frida Kahlo, Jacqueline Kennedy, Cesar Chavez and Josephine Baker, through Jan. 6. "Celebrating the Lucelia Artist Award," features the work of artists who have won the award since

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Opera, "La Bohème," 2 p.m., sold out. Young Concert Artists Series: Sasha Cooke, mezzo-soprano, 2 p.m., \$30. 17 Hippies, 6 p.m., free.

Mirrors: Exquisite Band, 9 p.m., \$10.

9:30 Club: Megadeath, In This Moment, the Confession, 7 p.m., \$40.

The Red & the Black: Yo Majesty, Rosetta Stoned, 9:30 p.m., \$8.

Rock and Roll Hotel: Okkervil River, Damien Jurado, 9 p.m., sold out.

Strathmore: Infusion Hot Sauce Festival: Danny Caron's Good Hands, 12 p.m., \$15.

Zanzibar: Day Fete and Lime, free before 9 p.m., \$10 after.

Sight

Adamson Gallery: "Chuck Close," an exhibition of the neo-pointillist's new work, through Oct. 20. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-842-9220, adamsongallery.com.

The Alexandria Black History Museum: "God Has Made a Way in Leesburg," the photographs of Allen D.

2000, through June 22. 8th & F streets NW; 202-633-1000, americanart.si.edu, npg.si.edu.

Anacostia Community Museum: "East of the River: Continuity and Change," focuses on the history and development of Washington's far Southeast communities, through Nov. 9. 1901 Fort Pl. SE; 202-633-4820, anacostia.si.edu.

Ann Loeb Bronfman Gallery: "Reconciling Worlds: The Work of Soviet Artist Yefim Ladyzhensky," through Dec. 30. 1529, 16th St. NW; 202-518-9400, washingtondcjcc.org.

Arthur M. Sackler Gallery: "The Potter's Mark: Tea Ceramics and Their Makers," through Feb. 22. "Japanese Arts of the Edo Period 1615-1868," paintings, lacquer and ceramics, through Feb. 22. 1050 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-1000, asia.si.edu.

LAST CHANCE Arts Club of Washington: "The One Word Project" a group exhibition that functions as the capstone of a three-year exploration of the dialogue

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among artist, work and viewer, through Sat. 2017 I St. NW; 202-331-7282, artsclubofwashington.org.

LAST CHANCE Cafritz Foundation Art Center: "Great Minds Don't Think Alike," Design Army shares its intelligent, strategic visuals, through Sun. 930 King St. on the Montgomery College Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus; 301-649-4454, montgomerycollege.edu/schoolofartanddesign.

LAST CHANCE Capitol Hill Arts Workshop: "Photography" juried by Bruce McKaig features entries from all over the metropolitan area, through Sat. 545 7th St. SE; 202-547-6839, chaw.org.

Civilian Art Projects: "Noelle K. Tan: From Here to the Salton Sea" features over- and under-exposed film with radiant imagery, through Oct. 20. "Erick Jackson: Vlad's Crib" features narrative paintings that blend fantastical images with the mundane, through Oct. 20. 406 7th St. NW; 202-347-0022, civilianartsproject.com.

Corcoran Gallery of Art: "Ansel Adams," an exhibition of 125 photographs from Adams' Lane Collection, through Jan. 27. "Impressionism, Realism, Modernism: Works on Paper From the American Collection," more than 50 etchings, watercolors, drawings, lithographs and pastels, through Nov. 11. "Treasures of Decorative European Art and Sculpting" ongoing. 500 17th St. NW; 202-639-1700,

corcoran.org.

Curator's Office: "Line Tripping," works by Jiha Moon, through Oct. 27. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-387-1008, curatorsoffice.com.

District Fine Arts: "Counterculture," far-out art created during the '60s and '70s, man, through Oct. 13. 1726 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-328-9100, dfaonline.com.

The Dome in Rosslyn: "Bodies ... the Exhibition," the touring display showcases a revolutionary preservation of human tissue, through Oct. 18. 1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 800-263-4379, bodiestheexhibition.com.

Ellipse Art Center: "You Are Here: Maps Redefined by Mid-Atlantic Contemporary Artists," through Oct. 13. 4350 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington; 703-228-7710, arlingtonarts.org.

Elizabeth Stone Gallery: "Mercer Mayer," an exhibition of Mayer's children's book illustrations, opens Sun., through Oct. 31. 1127 King St., Alexandria; 703-706-0025, elizabethstonegallery.com.

LAST CHANCE Flashpoint: "Evan Reed: New and Recent Sculptures," four of Reed's large-scale sculptures that suggest personal histories, through Sun. "E. Brady Robinson: Shift," an installation of color photographs organized by photographer Chan Chao, through Oct. 6. 916 G St. NW; 202-315-1310, flashpointdc.org.

LAST CHANCE Foundry Gallery: "Solo Exhibition of Barbara French Pace," "Solo Exhibition of Debra Naylor," both through Sun. 1314 18th St. NW; 202-463-0203, foundrygallery.org.

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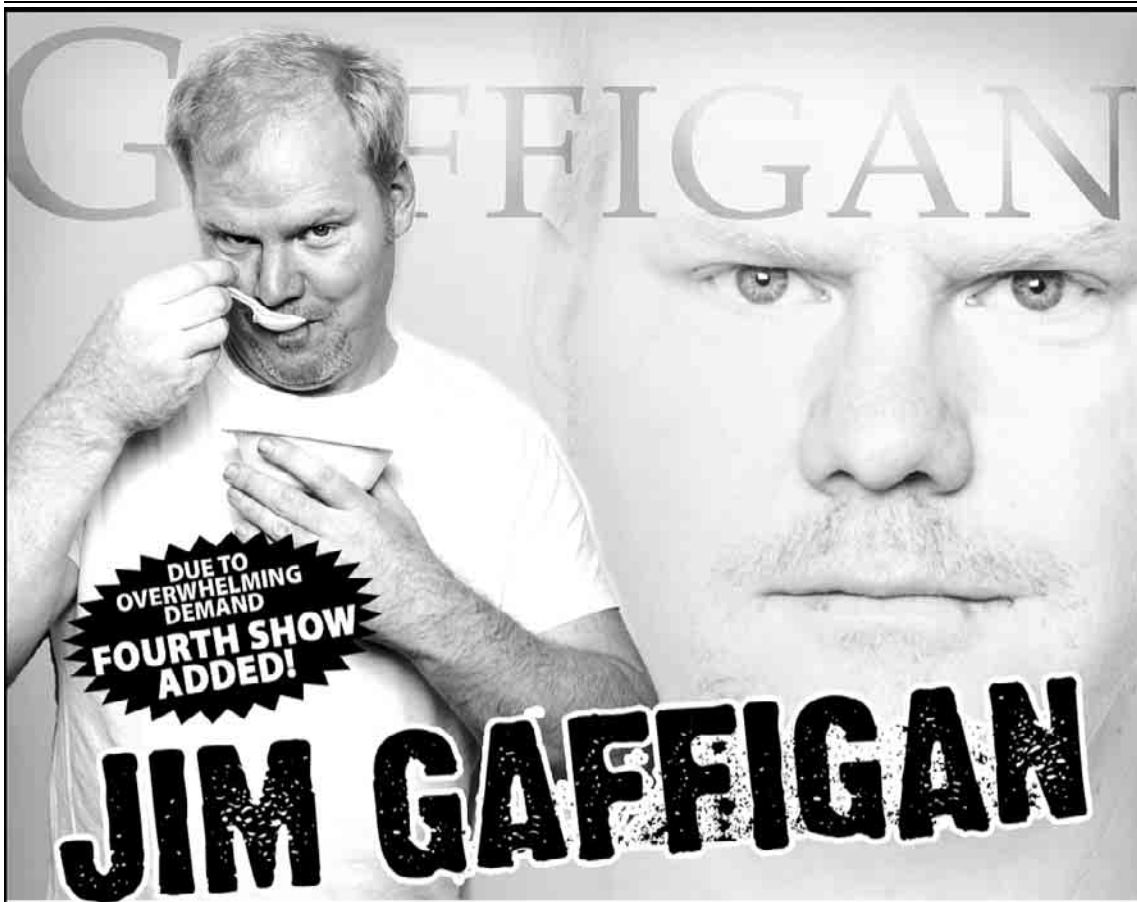
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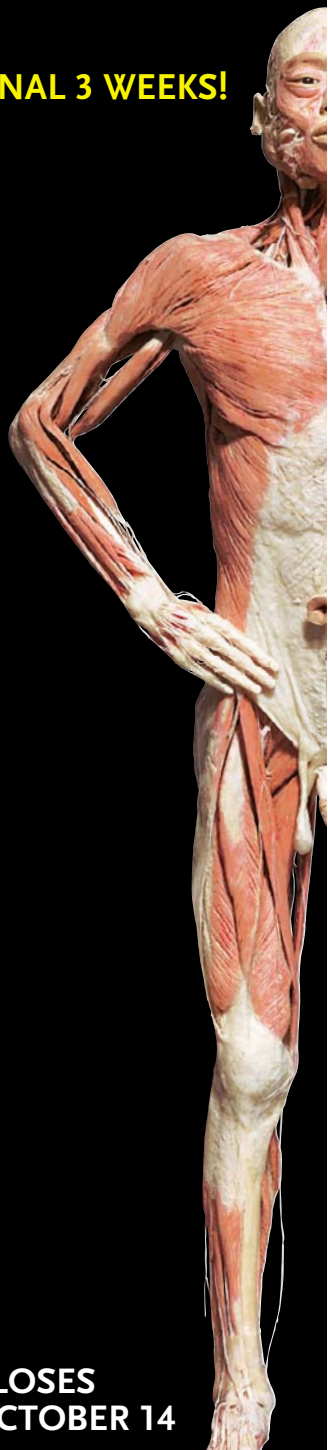
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SECOND LIFE: Meet artist Renée Stout's alter ego, Fatima Mayfield, at the Hemphill Gallery. Each gallery wall serves as a "page" of Fatima's diary — paintings, sculptures and photographs depicting the romantic, financial and social struggles of Stout's complex alternative self.

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ing Shakespeare: The Boydell Gallery and Beyond," explores the birth of the Shakespeare market through works collected by John Boydell, through Jan. 5. 201 East Capitol St. SE; 202-544-7077, folger.edu.

The Fraser Gallery: "Michael Fitts," oil paintings depicting discarded objects atop distressed metal canvases, through Oct. 6. 7700 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda; 301-718 9651, thefrasergallery.com.

Freer Gallery of Art: "Parades: Freer Ceramics Installed by Gwyn Hanssen Pigott," through Nov. 4. "Tales of the Brush: Literary Masterpieces in Chinese Painting," the confluence of writing and painting in Chinese culture, through Jan. 13. Jefferson Drive & 12th Street SW; 202-633-4880, asia.si.edu.

Galerie Myrtis: "Sculpture for the Soul," wood sculptures by Lynda Smith-Bugge, through Oct. 14. 500 9th St. SE; 202-548-7575, galeriemyrtis.com.

Galerie Neptune: "That Quadrant of Sky," an exhibition of Michael Janis' graphite-infused glass work, through Oct. 6. 4901 Cordell Ave, Bethesda, Md.; 301-718-0809, galleryneptune.com.

Galerie Plan B: "Go Figure!" features works by nine artists who approach, interpret and depict the human figure, through Oct. 14. 1530 14th St. NW; 202-234-2711, galleryplanb.com.

G Fine Art: "Honi soit qui mal y pense," Ian Whitmore explores the medieval hunt and key players in the Bush administration,

through Oct. 27. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-462-1601, gfineartdc.com.

Hemphill Gallery: "Renée Stout Journal: Book One," an exhibition that explores Stout's alter ego, Fatima Mayfield, in a diary-like manner, through Oct. 28. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-234-5601, hemphillfinearts.com.

Hillyer Art Space: "Ice Stories: Digital Prints by Lisa Sheirer," photographs of natural landscapes through ice-coated windows, through Oct. 25. 9 Hillyer Court NW; 202-338-0680, artsandartists.org/artspace/.

Hishhorn Museum: "Morris Louis Now: An American Master Revisited," a concise view of the artist's career, through Jan. 6. Independence Ave. and 7th Street SW; 202-633-4674, hirshhorn.si.edu.

Honfleur Gallery: "Gesture," a 9/11 memorial by Manju Shandler, through Oct. 6. 1241 Good Hope Road SE; 202-889-5000, honfleurgallery.com.

Irvine Contemporary: "Susan Jamison: Trust in Me," a solo exhibition of egg tempera paintings. "Courtney Jordan, Restructuring," a solo exhibition of ink and graphite drawings depicting man-made structures, through Oct. 20. 1412 14th St., NW; 202-332-8767, irvinecontemporary.com.

LAST CHANCE The Japan Information and Culture Center: "Kanzaburo," Michel Delsol's intimate photographs of the great kabuki artist at work, through Fri. 1155 21st St. NW; 202-238-6949, embjapan.org.

The Jerusalem Fund Gallery: Pieces by Kinda Hibrawi, an artist of Syrian descent, that celebrate the romance of

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the Arabic language, opens Fri., through Nov. 2. 2425 Virginia Ave. NW; 202-338-1958, thejerusalemfund.org/gallery.

Kathleen Ewing Gallery: "John Grant: Flowers" and "August Sander: People of the 20th Century: Portraits of German Citizens 1910-1940," both through Oct. 27. 1767 P St. NW; 202-328-0955, kathleenewinggallery.com.

Katzen Art Center: "Song Without Words: the Photographs of Countess Sophia Tolstoy," 70 photographs made by Sophia Andreyevna Tolstoy, through Oct. 21. "Keiko Hara: Topophilia Imbuing," incorporates fragments of cloth, text and calligraphic marks to reflect on current

global cultural conflicts, through Oct. 21. "All in the Family: A Juried Show of American University Alumni," through Oct. 21. "Jules Olitski: Late Sculpture," from the Cyclops series, through Dec. 30. 4400 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 202-885-1300, american.edu/katzen.

Long View Gallery: "Nature Perceived," oil paintings by Stacie Albano, through Oct. 20. 1302 9th St. NW; 202-232-4788, longviewgallery.com.

Marsha Mateyka Gallery: "Nathan Oliveira," a solo exhibition of Oliveira's bronze sculptures, through Oct. 27. 2010 R St. NW; 202-328-0088, marshamateykgallery.com

LAST CHANCE Mansion at Strathmore: "Shostakovich in Two Russian Capitals: Dmitri Shostakovich Centenary Celebration," photographs by Katya

Chilingiri illustrate the life of the great composer, through Sat. 10701 Rockville Pike, Bethesda; 301-581-5200, strathmore.org.

National Academy of Sciences: "Jill Greenberg: Monkey Portraits," through Nov. 25; "Black Maps," photographs by David Maisel, through Dec. 5. 2100 C St. NW; 202-334-2415, nasonline.org.

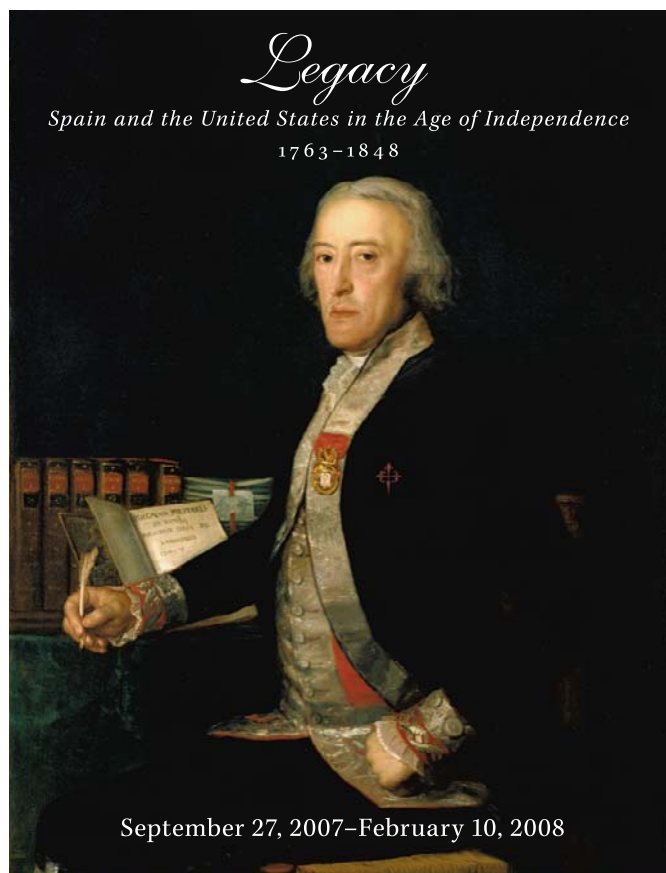
National Air and Space Museum: "Treasures of American History," many of the National Museum of American History's choicest items — from Dorothy's ruby slippers to Jacqueline Kennedy's inaugural ball gown — find a temporary home, ongoing. 6th Street & Independence Ave., NW; 202-633-1000, nasm.si.edu.

National Archives: "Fifty Years After Little Rock," features the Army's daily reports that chronicle the integration of

nine African-American teenagers into Little Rock Central High School, through Oct. 8. "School House to White House," a family-friendly collection of photos and documents from the childhoods of U.S. presidents, through Jan. 1, 2008. "The Characters of Freedom," "A New World Is at Hand," "The Public Vaults," the Magna Carta and other treasures, ongoing. Constitution Ave. between 7th & 9th streets NW; 202-357-5300, archives.gov.

National Building Museum: "Investigating Where We Live," students' photographs of D.C. neighborhoods, through Nov. 25. "David Macaulay: The Art of Drawing Architecture," playful and precise drawings of architecture and engineering, through Jan. 21. 401 F St. NW; 202-272-2448, nbm.org.

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Félix Colón de Larriátegui (detail) by Francisco de Goya, oil on canvas, 1794. Indianapolis Museum of Art; bequest of Mr. and Mrs. Herman C. Krannert

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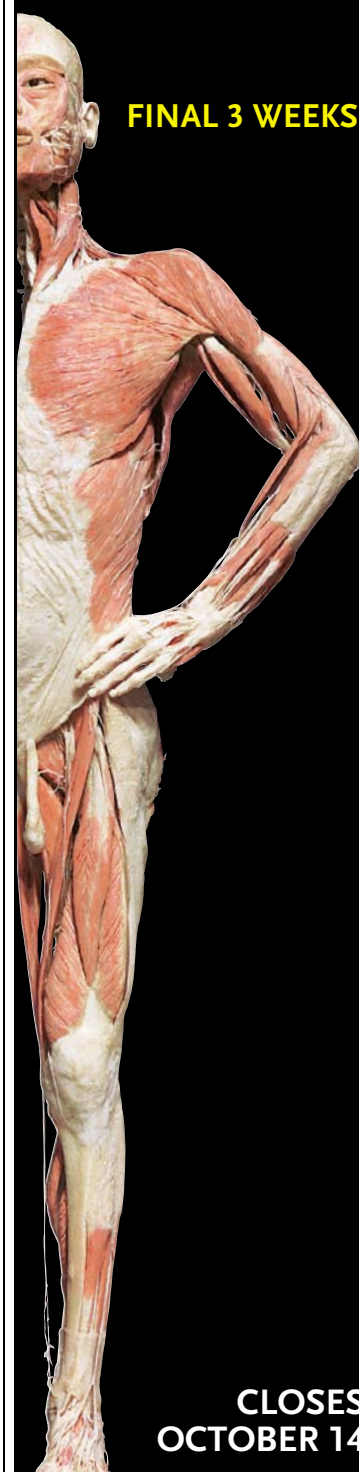
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National Gallery of Art: "Desiderio da Settignano: Sculptor of Renaissance Florence," some of the few surviving works of the influential pre-Renaissance sculptor, through Oct. 8. "States and Variations: Prints by Jasper Johns," through Oct. 28. "Edward Hopper: An Introduction to the Exhibition," a comprehensive exhibition of Hopper's work, through Jan. 21. 600 Constitution Ave. NW; 202-289-3360, nga.gov.

National Geographic Museum: "Critttercam: The World Through Animal Eyes," a video- and data-gathering tool worn by wild animals offers insights into animal

of Independence, 1763-1848," a collection of portraits and original documents surrounding Spain and the Revolutionary War, opens Fri., through Feb. 10. 8th and F streets NW; 202-633-8300, npg.si.edu.

Nevin Kelly Gallery: "Peer Pressure" is guest-curated by Thom Flynn and features work by Sue Huang, Carrie Mallory, Baby Martinez and Pascual Sisto, through Oct. 7. 1517 U St. NW; 202-232-3464, nevinkellygallery.com.

The Ninth Street Gallery: "What I Did on My Summer Vacation," the work of four artists who toured Turkey this summer, through Oct. 27. 1306 9th St. NW; 202-459-1491, theninthstreetgallery.com.

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behaviors, through Jan. 8. "Journey to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge," through Jan. 27. 17th & M streets NW; 202-857-7588.

National Museum of African Art: "African Vision: The Walt Disney-Tishman African Art Collection," through Sept. 7, 2008. 950 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-1000, nmafa.si.edu.

National Museum of the American Indian: "Identity by Design: Tradition, Change and Celebration in Native Women's Dresses," through Jan. 2. 4th Street & Independence Ave., SW; 202-633-6985.

National Museum of Women in the Arts: "Frida Kahlo: Public Image, Private Life. A Selection of Photographs and Letters," celebrating her 100th birthday, along with letters and photographs documenting her life, through Oct. 14. "WACK! Art and the Feminist Revolution," opens Fri., through Dec. 16. 1250 New York Ave. NW; 202-783-5000, nmwa.org.

National Portrait Gallery: "Legacy: Spain and the United States in the Age

202-639-1828, wpaonline.org.

The Phillips Collection: "Contemporary Photographs from the Litchenberg Collection," through Jan. 6. 1600 21 St. NW; 202-387-2151, phillipscollection.org.

Project 4 Gallery: "Landscapes/Star Wars on Earth," photographer Cedric Del-saux's work, through Oct. 20. 903 U St. NW; 202-232-4340, project4gallery.com.

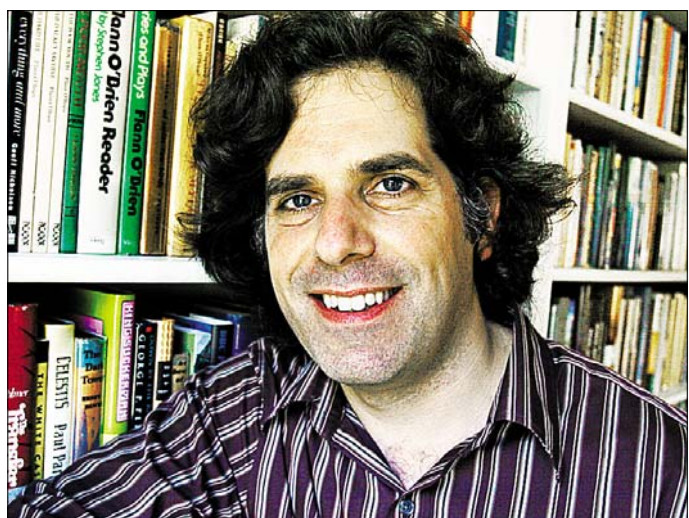
Randall Scott Gallery: "Rupture," Nathan Baker's photographs, videos and sounds capturing mishaps, through Oct. 20. 1326 14th St. NW; 202-332-0806, randallscottgallery.com.

R Street Gallery: "World Apart: Portraits From North America," photographs by Tom Wolff and Tracey Friedlander, through Oct. 6. 2108 R St. NW; 202-588-1701, rstgallery.com.

Target Gallery: "In the Flesh," an exhibition on contemporary figurative art, through Oct. 13. 105 N. Union St., Alexandria; 703-838-4565, torpedofactory.org.

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of His Time: The Collecting Vision of George Hewitt Myers," explores the collection and preferences of the museum founder, through Jan. 6. "Private Pleasures: Collecting Contemporary Textile Art," the tastes and preferences of Washington collectors, opens Fri., through Feb. 17. 2320 S St. NW; 202-667-0441, textilemuseum.org.

Touchstone Gallery: "Color as Illusion or Reality," paintings and sculptures by Norma Seidel. "Paintings," field and shore landscapes by Jorgen Birman, both in the Annex through Oct. 7. "Illuminations," Carolyn Johnson's striking light-and-color works, through Oct. 7. 406 7th St. NW; 202-347-2787, touchstonegallery.com.

U.S. Botanic Garden: "Celebrating America's Public Gardens," showcasing other botanic gardens from across the country, Conservatory Terrace and National Garden, through Oct. 8. "A Pepper for Every Pot," about the many new varieties of pepper plants, Plant Exploration room, through Nov. 11. "Green Evolu-

tion: Paintings and Drawings by Suzanne Stryk," an exhibition of Stryk's sketch-books, through Nov. 11. 100 Maryland Ave. SW; 202-225-8333, usbg.gov.

Vastu Furniture Gallery: "Lyrical Mylar," Joan Belmar's 3-D paintings, through Oct. 10. "Segments," Gennara Moore's paintings based on movement, through Oct. 20. 1829 14th St. NW; 202-234-8344, vastudc.com.

LAST CHANCE Washington Printmakers Gallery: "Earth Matters" features paintings by Marian Osher that explore environmental issues, through Sun. 1732 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-332-7757, washingtonprintmakers.com.

William W. Parker Gallery: "Options 2007" features a diverse array of emerging artists who represent the creative diversity of the region, through Oct. 26. 629 New York Ave. NW; 202-639-1737, wpaonline.org.

VSA Arts: "Driven," an exhibition of work by emerging artists with disabilities, through Dec. 31. S. Dillon Ripley Center, 1100 Jefferson Drive SW; 202-628-2800, vsarts.org.

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Accident: A comedic autobiography performed by Amy Ziff, through Sun., \$25. Studio Theater 2nd Stage, 1501 14th St. NW; 800-494-8497, washingtondcjcc.org.

Ah, Wilderness!: The American Century Theater presents Eugene O'Neill's comedy about the relationship between

a well-meaning dad and his wild son, through Oct. 6, Theater II, Gunston Arts Center, 2700 S. Lang St., Arlington; americancentury.org.

The Arabian Nights: Scheherazade's tales as directed by Mary Zimmerman and Allison Arkell Stockman, opens Sat., through Oct. 21, \$12-18. Source Theatre, 1835 14th St. NW; 800-494-8497, constellationtheatre.com.

Batboy: The Musical: We celebrate his totally fictional life with this stage production, through Oct. 13, \$18. D.C. Arts Center, 2438 18th St. NW; landlesstheatrecompany.org.

Big Apple Circus: Grandma and her merry pranksters hit the big top, through Oct. 8, \$16-\$50. Dulles Town Center, 21100 Dulles Town Circle, Dulles; 800-551-7328; 703-573-7328.

Blind Date/Cita a Ciegas: Strangers make fateful connections in Mario Diamant's play, in Spanish with English surtitles, through Oct. 14, \$3-\$34. Tivoli Theatre, 3333 14th St. NW; 202-234-7174, galatheatre.org.

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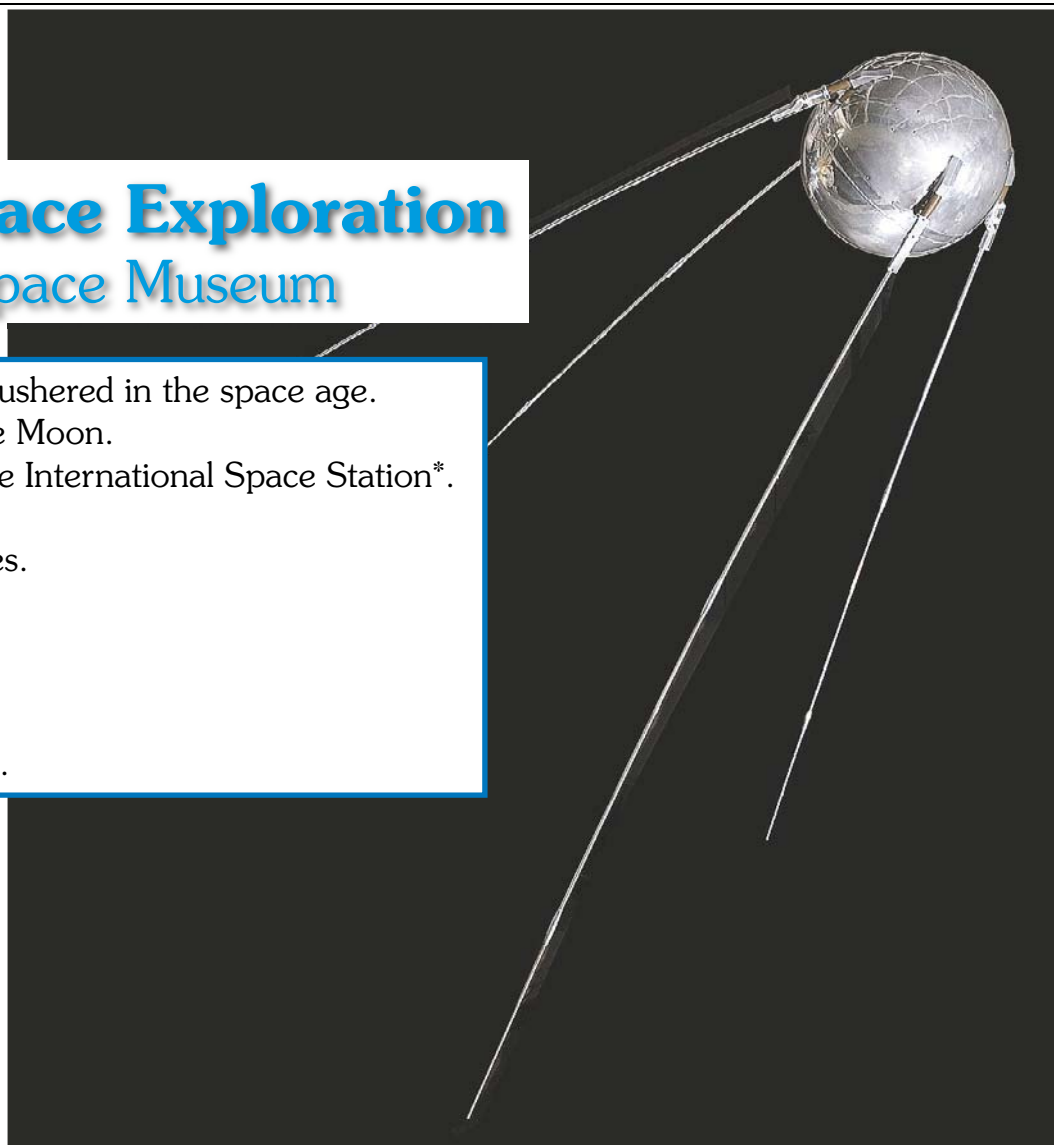
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Taylor Ridge in Strasburg

Luxury single family homes

(800) 961-7153

I-66 W. to I-81 S to Rte. 11 S (Exit 298). Turn
 Rt. on John Marshall Hwy. (Rt. 55). 1 mi. on Left.

SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY

Lee's Parke in Fredericksburg

Luxury single family homes

(866) 658-4999

I-95 S. to Rte 1 S. (Exit 126). Go 1 mi. to Rt. on
 Spotsylvania Pkwy. to Left on Holly Oak. Turn Left
 on Woodbine Ct. to model on Rt.

Stuart's Crossing in Spotsylvania

1-acre estates

(800) 961-7149

I-95 S. Rte. 3 W. (Exit 130B). Left onto Gordon Rd.
 Proceed approx. 5 miles to a Left on Browns Farm Rd.

CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG

Idlewild

Historically inspired single family homes

Live/Work Units

Luxury townhomes

(866) 658-4970

I-95 S. to Rte. 3 E. (Exit 130A). Immediate Rt. onto
 Gateway Blvd. Go 1 mile to model home park on Rt.

WINCHESTER /

STEPHENS CITY AREA

Musket Ridge in Stephens City

Luxury single family homes

(866) 658-4992

I-66 W. to Rte. 522/340 N. (Exit 6). Turn Rt.
 Go 9.5 mi. to Left on Tasker Rd. Go 1.5 mi. to Left
 to comm. on Left.

Hamilton Court in Stephens City

Luxury townhomes

(800) 961-7145

Rte. 50 to Winchester. Merge on VA-37 S.
 to I-81 S. Exit Left on Rt. 277 to comm. on Left.

Steeplechase in Winchester

Luxury single family homes

(800) 961-7143

Rte. 7 to Winchester. Turn Left on Greenwood Dr.
 Go 2 mi. to Left. on Farmington Blvd.
 to comm. on Left.

MARYLAND

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

The Vineyards in Clinton

Luxury single family homes

(800) 961-7349

I-495/95 to Branch Ave./Rte. 5 S. (Exit 7A) to Woodyard
 Rd. Exit and bear Rt. Go 1 mi. to Left on Brandywine Rd.
 to Sales Center on Rt.

Watkin's Place in Largo

Luxury townhome-style condominiums

(800) 961-7318

I-495 N. to Rte. 202 E. (Exit 214). Go 3 mi. to comm. on Left.

ST. MARY'S COUNTY

Westbury in Lexington Park

Single family homes

Garage townhomes

(866) 463-0809

I-295 S. to South Capitol St. SW exit & stay straight.
 Left onto Suitland Pkwy. SE to MD-5/Branch Ave. S. to
 Waldorf. Left onto MD-5 S. (St. Mary's County-Lexington
 Park). Left onto Leonardtown Rd. MD-5 S. becomes
 MD-235/Three Knotch Rd. Rt. onto Pegg Rd. to Rt.
 onto Westbury Blvd. W.

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